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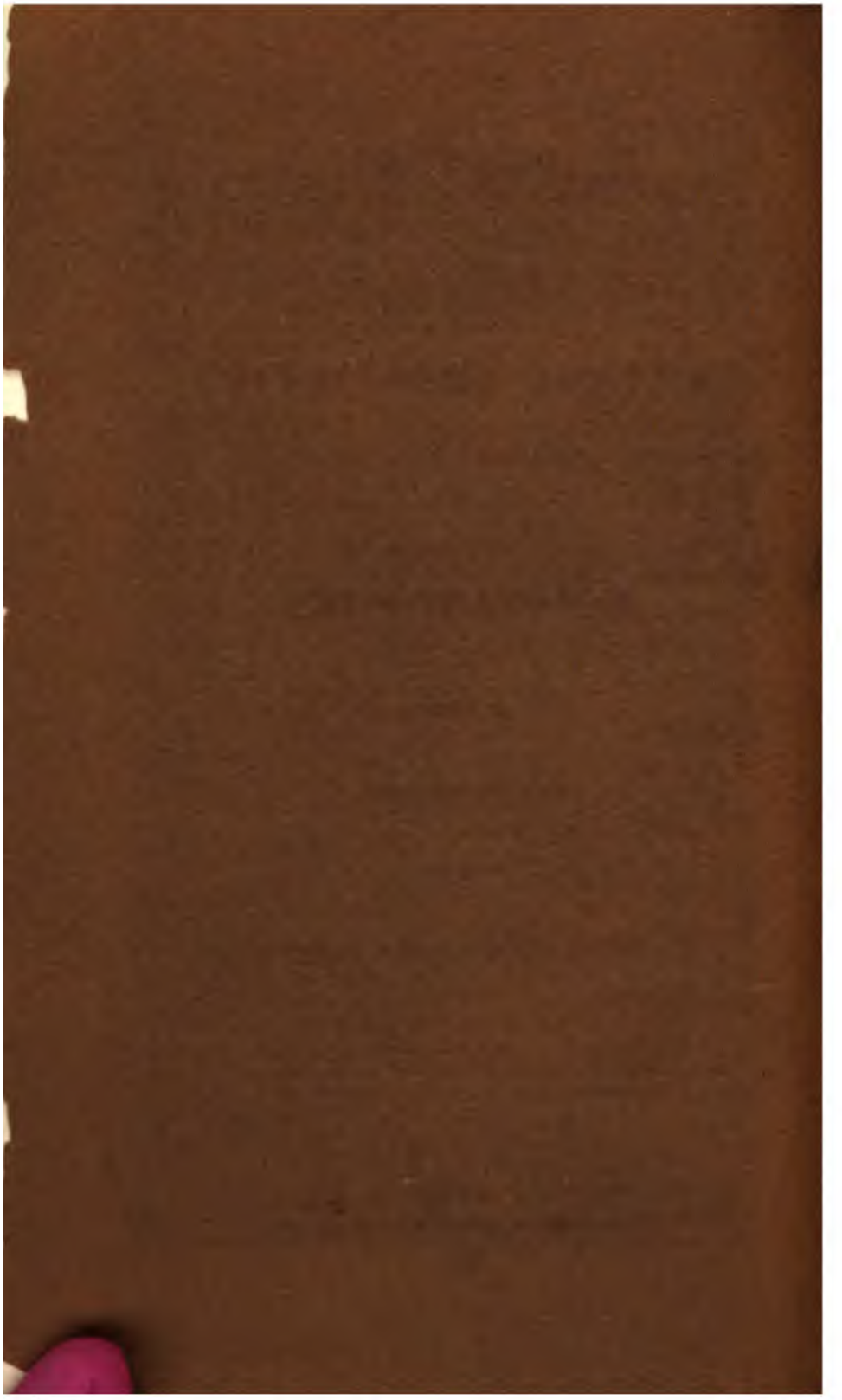

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OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

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NEW-HAMPSHIRE—

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING

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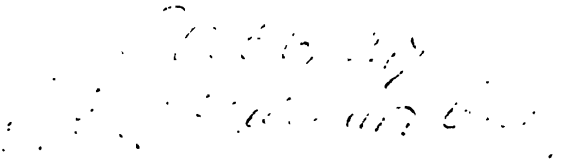

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MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Congregational Meeting House in Dover, August 23, 1842, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Meeting was opened with a sermon by Rev. Austin Richards from Heb. 6: 1.

Certificates of membership were presented, and the following were reported as Delegates from the District Associations, viz:

Belknap,	Enoch Corser, Stephen S. N. Greely.
Caledonia,	Isaac R. Worcester.
Deerfield,	Jonathan Curtis, Josiah Carpenter.
Derry,	Edward L. Parker, Jonathan Clement.
Harmony,	John S. Winter, Jeremiah Blake.
Hollis,	Austin Richards, Wm. T. Savage, Stephen T. Allen.
Hopkinton,	J. W. Perkins, Wm. Patrick, Nathaniel Bouton.
Lancaster,	Clark Perry.
Monadnock,	Moses Gerould, Darwin Adams, Henry A. Kendall, Alanson Alvord.
Orange,	None.
Piscataqua,	Samuel W. Clark, James F. McEwen, William J. Newman.
Sullivan,	J. DeForest Richards, Samuel H. Tolman, Aaron Wait.
Union,	Ephraim P. Bradford, Archibald Burgess.

Gen. Assembly Pres. Church	Ezra A. Huntington.
Constitutional Gen. Assembly	John Patton.
Gen. Association of Mass.	James T. Woodbury, George W. Blagden.
Gen. Association of Conn.	Joseph Eldridge.
Gen. Conference of Maine	Wm. T. Dwight.
Secretary,	Z. S. Barstow.
Treasurer,	Abraham Burnham.
Minister of the place,	Jeremiah S. Young.

The Association was organized by choosing Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Moderator; Stephen S. N. Greely, Scribe; and William T. Savage, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator, after which the standing Rules of the Association were read by the Secretary.

Rev. Messrs. Curtis, Clement and Burgess were appointed a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Association then adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted that Rev. Messrs. Worcester, J. De F. Richards, Parker, Huntington and Blagden be a Committee to take minutes of the state of religion and to make a report.

Narratives on the state of religion within the bounds of the Association and from Foreign Bodies were then communicated.

A letter was presented from the Congregational Union of Canada East. After hearing the same it was voted that the Secretary be appointed to prepare and forward an answer.

Voted that the afternoon sessions of this body be at 2 o'clock.

Voted to devote Wednesday morning to the hearing of communications upon the subjects of the American Sunday School Union, American Seaman's Friend Society, Colonization Society, New Hampshire Congregational and Presbyterian Abolition Society, American Tract Society, Foreign Evangelical Society, Foreign Missions, and on the Sabbath, and that each speaker be allowed 20 minutes.

After Prayer by Rev. Mr. Clement, Association adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

August 24. Association met according to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Alvord. After the reading of the minutes of yesterday, the Secretary submitted a letter he had prepared to the Congregational Union of Canada. Voted to accept it.

Messrs. Austin Richards and Corser were appointed a Committee to report the place of next meeting, and designate the Association to furnish the preacher.

Rev. Mr. Alvord, in behalf of the Monadnock Association, submitted the following:

"Resolved, that we request the General Association of New Hampshire to commence immediately a labour of Christian love and faithfulness with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for supporting and sanctioning the system of American slavery; and to proceed on gospel principles to the final results as soon as expedient."

The above is a copy of the resolution passed by the Monadnock Association. Attest, Z. S. Barstow, Clerk.

May 18, 1842.

A Communication was also laid before the Association from the Freewill Baptist Convention. Both these communications were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Bradford, Whiton and A. Richards—to report next year.

The hour having arrived to hear the statements of the agents of benevolent societies, Rev. R. B. Campfield addressed the Association in behalf of the American Sunday School Union; Rev. John Spaulding in favor of the American Seamen's Friend Society; Rev. Daniel Crosby in behalf of the American Board; Rev. Seth Bliss for the American Tract Society; Rev. R. R. Gurley for the American Colonization Society; Rev. S. Lee in behalf of the Presbyterian and Congregational Abolition Society of New Hampshire; Rev. Mr. Miller for the American Peace Society; Rev. S. Washburn in behalf of the Foreign Evangelical Society; and Rev. Dr. Edwards upon the high claims of the Christian Sabbath.

Resolutions expressing the views of the Association on a part of the foregoing subjects were adopted. See Appendix.

Voted that there be a new supply of Schedules for Reports including an additional column for insertion of dates of settlement of Pastors over their respective churches.

A Pastoral Letter was submitted by Rev. Mr. Curtis and J. K. Young, the Committee of last year, which was approved and adopted. See Appendix.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund submitted a report which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Rev. A. Burnham, Treasurer of General Association, presented his report which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Re-appointed, Messrs. J. French, E. L. Parker, J. Curtis, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, P. Cooke, G. Punchard, N. Lord, D. D. J. Woods, Z. S. Barstow, and A. Bodwell a Committee to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates, travelling beyond the limits of this Association.

Rev. A. Burgess presented an overture from the Union Association "against any further diversion of the funds of the General Association from the specified objects for which they were raised."

Whereupon, Voted, that we receive the above admonition—and that if the members of the Association from which it comes will pay their tax as formerly, *we will do better in future.* Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Worcester, chairman of the committee on the Narratives, submitted a Report.

Voted it be accepted, adopted, and printed in the minutes.

Voted to excuse from further attendance Rev. Mr. Alvord, J. DeF. Richards and Perkins.

Attended to the report of Rev. Mr. Burgess, Delegate of last year to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Also of Mr. Clark Perry to General Conference of Maine.

Voted to give place to the New Hampshire Bible Society and to the Sabbath School Union to hold their anniversaries.

An Overture was presented from Derry Association suggesting a modification of the 4th standing rule of General Association. Whereupon, Voted, That the 4th standing rule be amended by erasing what pertains to the permanent membership of the Secretary of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Appointed Rev. A. Burnham treasurer—and Rev. N. Bouton auditor for the coming year.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Corser, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

August 25. Met according to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Worcester. Minutes of yesterday were read.

Committee on the place of next meeting, and Association to furnish the preacher reported—that with regard to the place of meeting no applications had been sent in.

That Sullivan Association furnish the preacher—which report was accepted.

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to designate the place for next meeting.

Rev. Messrs. E. L. Parker and J. Clement were appointed to prepare a Pastoral Address for next year.

Voted to send Delegates to New School General Assembly once in 3 years. Committee of Nominations and Overtures reported the following Delegates to foreign bodies, viz.

General Assembly, (Old School)	Rev. Austin Richards,	Primary.
	Rev. William T. Savage,	Substitute.
General Assembly, (New School)	Rev. Jonathan Clement,	Primary.
	Rev. Jeremiah S. Young,	Substitute.
General Association Mass.	Rev. J. Curtis,	Primaries.
	Rev. Erdix Tenney,	
	Rev. Winthrop Fifield,	Substitutes.
	Rev. Daniel Campbell,	
General Association Conn.	Rev. G. S. Brown,	Primaries.
	Rev. John Woods,	
	Rev. Z. S. Barstow,	Substitutes.
	Rev. Sam'l H. Tolman,	
General Conference of Maine	Rev. W. J. Newman,	Primaries.
	Rev. J. W. Perkins,	
	Rev. E. D. Eldridge,	Substitutes.
	Rev. Isaac Knight,	
General Convention Vt.	Rev. John M. Whiton,	Primaries.
	Rev. Enoch Corser,	
	Rev. David P. Smith,	Substitutes.
	Rev. Almon Benson,	
Evangel. Consociation R. I.	Rev. Jonathan Clement,	Primaries.
	Rev. Moses Gerould,	
	Rev. Calvin Cutler,	Substitutes.
	Rev. A. Alvord,	

The above report was accepted.

Voted, That Messrs. Bouton and Greely be the publishing Committee.

Voted that a Committee be appointed to advise with the Trustees of the New Hampshire Missionary Society on the propriety of their relinquishing the appointment of a Preacher for the afternoon of Thursday; and of substituting a Preacher to be appointed by the General Association, with special reference to the sacramental occasion.

Also to consider the propriety of dispensing altogether with a sermon on that occasion—and that this Committee consist of Messrs. Burnham, Bouton and Barstow.

Voted that the same be a committee to consider the expediency of modifying the services of the General Association so as to render them more strictly religious in their character and influence—and report next year.

Voted that the Associational tax for the next year be 50 cents on each member of the District Associations.

Voted that the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. Mr. Young, and through him to his people for their kindness and hospitality on the present occasion; also to the choir of singers for their very acceptable performances.

After the reading of the minutes and prayer Association adjourned sine die.

NATHANIEL BOUTON, Moderator.
STEPHEN S. N. GREELY, Scribe.
WILLIAM T. SAVAGE, Assistant Scribe.

APPENDIX.

STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the fourth Tuesday of August annually: and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M. by a Concio ad Clerum by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a Moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from District Associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every Association, two from every Association of seven members, three from every Association of thirteen members, and four from every Association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two Associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The Secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the committee of overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred, for them to report thereon, and also be a committee of overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without a vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The District Associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c. and the number of young men under twenty-five years of age, and the number who are preparing for the ministry in each church.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each Association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the Secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The publishing committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the State.

20. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE

TO THE CHURCHES OF THEIR CONNECTION.

DEAR BRETHREN,

The love we bear to these churches, a recollection of the solicitude of a devout, puritan ancestry for their continued welfare, and the love of Christ prompt us to address you very kindly and plainly in relation to the *dangers and duties*, which should specially engage your attention at the present time.

For the degree of harmony and enlargement, which the great Head of the church has vouchsafed to our Zion during another year, we will devoutly praise him. We do, however, feel, that the Captain of our salvation calls his host to maintain the spiritual conflict under circumstances much like those, which, one hundred years ago, tried the faith, wisdom, and piety of our fathers. In those stirring days of Edwards and Whitefield, there was much truth and error, much holy zeal and much denunciatory fanaticism, much to welcome and to deplore, bearing in warm collision upon the public mind. It is much the same now. Often are the churches called to meet the assaults of error, and combined with a zeal, in its ardency, deserving of a better cause. Poorly indoctrinated, unstable, though perhaps, real Christians are liable before such a pressure to be borne so far from "the old paths and the good way," as to cause for themselves much labor and trial in again returning: that you may nobly keep your ranks amidst the assaults of the times, we would remind you of the Apostle's direction to the Ephesian church. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God; that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand, therefore — having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Yes, stand firmly in your ranks and clad with the Gospel panoply. Especially see, that you have at your side "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word

of God." By a dexterous use of this, you may separate truth from error, and present them to the view of others in their wide and proper distinctions. We truly regard the day as one specially calling for the exercise of the most careful, scriptural discrimination, that truth and error, in the combinations in which they are often presented, may be clearly distinguished, and, in their true characters, be presented to others. We would have you careful, brethren, to distinguish between the goodness of a cause, and the badness of the manner in which it is advocated, and, on the other hand, between a specious manner and a bad cause. Frequently is it necessary clearly to make these distinctions to avoid being forced on the side of error.

As the present is eminently an age of improvements in secular concerns, and doubtless in many respects also in the means and instrumentalities by which religion may be promoted, important it is to distinguish between real improvements and calamitous innovations. Embrace not every thing as right, because it is new. Nor, on the other hand, cling to every thing as right, because it is old. But strive to perceive the right, whether new or old, and adopt it; and the wrong, whether new or old, discard. As it is a period for the re-examination of formerly established principles, much care, candor, and prayer for divine illumination are needed by all who would be led to safe results.

We would caution you against the errors not only of former years, that have been often repeated and as often refuted; but against the new ones, which more recently have pressed their claims upon the attention of the community. We hope the churches will hardly need to be cautioned against the imposture of the pretended prophet of the West, notwithstanding a few unstable souls within the bounds of our own state are said to have been beguiled and led astray by it. We trust the folly of that imposition will soon, as it may now, be made known to all men.

We think ourselves authorized also to caution you, as Paul the Thessalonians, "that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled as that the day of Christ is at hand." As neither men nor angels can know that day, we deem it not only fruitless, but impious to attempt that which Christ has shown to be beyond our power.

We would also solemnly caution the churches against indulging in a spirit of instability and fickleness in regard to the Gospel ministry, a spirit we fear, too often manifested at the present day, and already fraught with much disorder, and greatly tending to mar the regularity, beauty, and effectiveness of our

religious institutions as transmitted to us by our fathers. Is the fact generally known among our churches, that the love of novelty and change among their own denomination has already induced many of their own sons, when entering the ministry, to look to Episcopacy for labors of greater regularity, quietness, and usefulness? And, no doubt, such instances will multiply, unless the churches practice more of the stability and order of their fathers in regard to the Gospel ministry.

Thus would we exhort you to stand as one unbroken phalanx against the errors and disorders of the times. Labor clearly to understand the word of God yourselves, and faithfully hold it forth before others.

But you must be sensible, that the most effectual method of removing error, and savingly benefitting the world, is to give a bright example of the happy influence of truth in your own lives. This most important service for his cause your Savior justly claims. His direction is, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We would not have you trust in good works in place of a Savior. But as the proper fruits of faith, they cannot be too strongly inculcated. For recommending the religion you profess to the world, vain will be the most orthodox creed without the attractive example of a benevolent holy life. "Whatsoever things, then, are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." In order to present to the world an example of holy living, present the same example to the Searcher of all hearts. Cultivate a deep-toned piety. Hold near and frequent communion with God in secret. Then also let the love you bear to Christ and his cause manifest itself in the devotions of the family, of the prayer meeting, of the great congregation, and in acts of beneficence towards your fellowmen in all the relative duties of common life.

In all the benevolent enterprises of the day, we will also confidently rely on your co-operation for our encouragement in the ministry. We hope for your ready sympathy and aid in promoting that bright cluster of designs, whose object is to benefit our race, and raise men from sin, degradation and woe to virtue, holiness and happiness. And while we would not have your interest diminished in regard to any other department of Christian effort, we hope, that no churches nor individual members will be satisfied to hold a doubtful position in regard to the momentous subject of American slavery. That there are millions of our countrymen still in bondage in this boasted land of liberty and religion, should weigh deeply upon the heart of ev-

ery Christian. Such we are required to remember as bound with them. For them we should most fervently pray to him, who has ever shown himself the God and Friend of the oppressed. While we would advise the churches to no course, which savors of rashness or wrong, we would have your views so well understood as to give no occasion for just reproach, that your sympathies are with oppressors. We shall rejoice to see you exerting all the means in your power clearly warranted by the word of God in endeavoring to bring to a speedy end such a system of heaven-daring abominations.

Finally, you are admonished, dear brethren, by the rapid flight of the years, which go to make up short life, and by the numbers which every succeeding one removes from the church below to their eternal state, to labor diligently in the spiritual vineyard, while the day shall last, knowing that soon the night cometh in which no man can work. "Therefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know, that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund report to the General Association of New Hampshire, that the following sums of money were received at the last anniversary of this Association:

From Rev. J. K. Young, being his annuity of	1 00
From his people, a contribution, - -	5 00
From Piscataqua Association - -	13 00
Contribution of General Association - -	23 59
And a donation by General Association -	50 00
Amounting to the sum of	$92 59

That our committee last December received, as a beneficiary, the widow of the late Rev. M. Dow of Plaistow and appropriated to her twenty dollars. She was received by virtue of the recommendation of Rev. Mr. Oliphant of that place.

That our annual meeting was holden at the house of our President, Rev. Mr. Bouton, Concord, June 1, 1842. At this meeting, the following officers were chosen :

Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, President.
Rev. Abraham Burnham, Secretary.
Hon. F. N. Fisk, Trustee and Treasurer, instead of S. Ambrose, Esq. resigned.
Rev. Messrs. Bouton and Noyes, Auditors.
Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, Committee.

The doings of the Committee, in relation to Mrs. Dow, were confirmed. And,

Voted, That the children of deceased ministers are not to be considered as candidates for this charity, after they shall have arrived at the age of twenty-one.

After the Trustees had adjourned, the Committee held a meeting and appropriated—

To Mrs. Patty Walker - - -	20 00
To Mrs. Mary Pillsbury - - -	20 00
To Mrs. Dow - - - -	20 00
To Mrs. Betsey Hull - - -	20 00
Amounting to the sum of	$80 00

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Trustees, by

A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

Pembroke, Aug. 16, 1842.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Humpshire in account with A. Burnham, Treasurer.

CR. By cash from			By vote of Association	DR.
Belknap Association	0 50		To paid Widows' Fund	50 00
Caledonia "	2 00		To paid printer's bill	38 00
Deerfield "	3 50		To paid Mr. Barstow for	
Derry "	3 00		freight, postage, &c.	2 42
Harmony "	3 50		To paid out of the Hopkin-	
Hopkinton "	7 00		ton Asso. tax for account	
Hollis "	6 00		book	2 30
Lancaster "	1 00		To paid Mr. Davenport,	
Monadnock "	9 50		for postage	0 50
Orange "	0 00		To paid Mr. Noyes for	
Piscataqua "	8 00		postage	0 25
Sullivan "	6 00			
Union "	0 50			$93 47
	$50 50			
Balance last year	64 39			
	114 89			
Deduct expenditures	93 47			
Balance in Treasury	21 42			

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treas. of Gen. Asso. and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

Concord, Aug. 8, 1842. N. BOUTON.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The General Association of New Hampshire having been again permitted to celebrate its anniversary, the eyes of those within our state, and of many beyond our limits who love the prosperity of Zion, will now be turned towards the Association as if with the inquiry, "Watchman, what of the night?" In answer to this inquiry it is believed we may say, not with presumptuous confidence, but with humble and grateful hope, "The morning cometh." We see indeed now, as we always see when we look at the moral and religious prospect around us, and when we review even a brief period of the past, things calculated to produce within us a mingling of diverse emotions. We have occasion for very deep penitence as well as for fervent gratitude; for sorrow as well as for joy; for fear even, as well as for hope. And did we look at the moral prospect as presented by the present condition of the church and of the world simply, without keeping before the mind the promises of God, and the present aspect of his providential government of the world, the prospect would even now be very dark: but keeping these things in view we *seem*, at least, to see the dawning of a brighter day; we hope and we rejoice. And though the aspect of our own state may not be as bright as that of some other portions of our country and of the world, it is not altogether dark.

About twenty towns are specially mentioned in the reports from the different associations as having enjoyed interesting seasons of revival during the year. The Hollis association has been greatly blessed, every church connected with the association which has a pastor, or stated supply, having enjoyed a revival, with but one exception. As fruits of these revivals at least 535 individuals connected with the Congregational societies within the limits of that association, are believed to have have passed from death to life; and other evangelical churches in some of the same towns have been greatly blessed. More than 400 have already joined the Congregational churches, and many others stand now propounded for admission. The characteristics of these, and of other revivals in the state, have been of an interesting kind. Without great excitement of animal feeling, without noise, and without the aid of evangelists from abroad, the pastors and the churches have attended to their own appropriate work after the good old way, and God has blessed them.

But these revivals, in which we may well rejoice, and for which we should be deeply grateful, while we mourn that so few, comparatively, of our churches have been revived, present by no means the only ground for joy and hope which the reports from the churches have afforded.

The cause of temperance seems to be advancing rapidly in almost every portion of the state, and very many who had been long looked upon as almost hopelessly abandoned to intemperance have been reclaimed. We have the more occasion for grateful congratulation in view of the progress of this cause, from the fact that neither this progress generally, nor its most interesting feature—the reformation of inebriates—is peculiar to New Nampshire. Our whole land has been greatly blessed in this respect during the year. Thousands have been reformed who were worse than lost to society, to their families, and to themselves; and hundreds, at least, of these reformed, are now setting, it is believed, at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right mind.

Sabbath schools generally, throughout the state, are represented as in a condition quite as flourishing as heretofore, and in many sections more so.

It has been deeply interesting and encouraging to perceive, by the reports which have been presented, that the subject of infant baptism is receiving more attention from our churches than it has received for many years. Some interesting facts have been mentioned in connection with reports of revivals in our own state, and others by the delegate from Massachusetts, which seem to confirm the truth which so many facts establish, that God does regard the administration of this ordinance as of much importance, and does add his blessing; so that if parents would have him enter into covenant, not with them only but with their children also, it becomes them thus to dedicate to him these children, and have the seal of the covenant placed upon them.

In relation to what has been done for benevolent objects the reports from the churches have been very defective. It is apparent, however, that these objects have not been forgotten, but that, at least with many, they are becoming objects of deeper interest. Still, in learning to regard themselves as but the stewards of God, and to use their property not for themselves but for Christ, not less than in other things, the members of our churches have much occasion to forget the things which are behind, and to go on unto perfection.

Though exposed, in many cases, to distracting influences; beset by false teachers and false prophets; and vigorously as-

sailed by those whose *now avowed* object is the destruction of the Gospel ministry and of the church of Christ, we rejoice in the belief that there is in our churches generally increased stability of character, and a growing regard for, and firm adherence to the truth, both doctrinal and practical, as held by our puritan fathers. Comparatively few of our members have been driven about by every wind of doctrine, or led astray by the cunning craftiness of those who have been lying in wait to deceive.

The pastoral relation, there is reason to hope, is becoming somewhat more permanent though not a few changes have occurred during the year. One minister who had no charge and one pastor have died, and some others have been compelled to suspend their labors for a season by ill health.

The whole number reported as having been added to the churches during the year is—by profession 909, and by letter 349. From several churches, however, no report has been received, and many have been hopefully converted who are not yet gathered into the visible church.

Of the foreign bodies in correspondence with this Association delegates were present from the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, from the General Association of Massachusetts, the General Conference of Maine, and the General Association of Connecticut. The reports presented by these delegates were of a very interesting character.

The delegate from the General Assembly (Old School) says, "During the past year there has been a general revival of religion throughout our borders; a revival in almost all cases following the use of the ordinary means of grace, and of these means only." "As a direct consequence of this revival of religion all the benevolent enterprises in which we are engaged have received greater attention from us than we have been wont to give them, and a richer blessing from heaven than, under the peculiar circumstances of the times, we had reason or faith to expect." Again he says, "The Presbyterian church has manifested the impulse it has received from the blessing of God's Spirit in an increasing attention to the observance of the Sabbath —to the importance of confining the ministry to their appropriate duties, and of restoring the pastoral relation to its ancient stability—to the catechetical instruction of children, in families and sabbath schools—to the publication and dissemination of sound doctrinal books and books of practical piety—to the exposure of the many and spreading heresies of the day, particularly the great apostacy—and to the promotion of that great

work which distinguishes this age from every other—the Temperance Reformation."

The Constitutional [or New School] General Assembly has not met since 1840, (as it meets but once in three years) so that particular reports have not been presented by the churches. We were however rejoiced to learn from the delegate that much harmony prevails among their ministers and churches—that the benevolent objects of the day are sustained with commendable liberality—that the cause of the sabbath, and the cause of temperance are receiving much and encouraging attention, and, especially, that revivals are common.

From Massachusetts we have been permitted to hear of great and good things whereof we are glad. There are, in that state, more than 400 organized Congregational churches, and of all these only 25 are destitute of stated preaching. 350 have settled pastors, and 31 stated supplies. The number of additions to the churches since the first of June last is from 2,500 to 3,000. Says the delegate, "the present year, so far, has been most remarkably distinguished as a year of the right hand of our God." "Never since the days of Edwards and Whitefield have our churches enjoyed revivals of religion so numerous, so powerful, so pure, so glorious as during the past winter and spring." "Most of the converts are from the sabbath schools and bible classes, from the baptized children of pious parents, and from the regular attendants on the preached word." 1844 scholars in the sabbath schools have become hopefully pious the last year; and of 22 converts in our school 21 were dedicated to God in infancy in the holy ordinance of baptism, and 29 out of 30 in another. Thus God fulfils his ancient covenant with his people, "I will be a God to thee and to thy seed after thee."

From Maine the report is also gratifying. There are 207 Congregational churches, and 138 ministers who are pastors or stated supplies. Many of the churches in this comparatively new state are feeble, and aided by the very efficient Home Missionary Society of the state. "In common with other portions of New England Maine has been favored during the last ecclesiastical year, with frequent outpourings of God's Spirit." "The whole number of churches which have been thus favored is from 45 to 50." The churches are spoken of as happily united, the doctrines of grace as universally preached, and the stability of the pastoral office as being regarded, with each succeeding year, as of more and more vital importance.

An interesting statement was also made by the delegate from Connecticut of the state of religion in that state. There are 243 Congregational churches with about 40,000 members. Nearly all these churches have settled pastors, and a deep and growing interest is felt in having a settled and permanent ministry. There have been several interesting revivals within the state during the year.

In view of all these things in our state and around us, there is certainly much to excite warm gratitude and lively hope. But while we are grateful and joyful, we should also be humbled and penitent. God is abundantly showing his readiness to bless his people, and to carry on, rapidly, his works of redeeming, saving love; yet most of our churches have been in great measure, passed by, and at this time very few, if any, are enjoying very special manifestations of God's presence. We have much occasion then to be earnest in our prayers that our coldness and sloth may not prevent the work of God; but that he will excite us to do our duty, and will yet do for us, and for our country greater and greater things, in promoting the interests of his kingdom, and hastening on the time when all shall know the Lord.

ISAAC R. WORCESTER,
For the committee.

Dover, August 24, 1842.

Resolutions adopted in regard to various objects of Christian action.

See Page 5 of the Minutes.

Resolved, that the American Sunday School Union in their labors for a sound religious education of the young through the instrumentality of Sabbath Schools; and by their publications, are engaged in a noble work, and deserve the confidence and support of Christians and patriots.

Resolved, that the intelligence which has been communicated to this Association of the signal blessing of Almighty God on Sabbath Schools and Bible Class instruction in numerous conversions among the youth thus instructed, calls for gratitude to Him, and increased effort in behalf of Sabbath Schools.

Resolved, that the American Seaman's Friend Society engaged as it is in behalf of a most important class of our fellow men, deserves the co-operation, prayers and contributions of all Christians.

Resolved, that this Association rejoice that 50,000 volumes issued by the American Tract Society, have already been circulated in New Hampshire, and that the Society will continue to prosecute this good work, till every family in the State, willing to receive these books, is supplied.

Resolved, that we recommend to the Pastors and Churches in connection with us, a continued co-operation with the American Tract Society in their efforts to supply this State and and our country and the world with a sanctified literature.

Resolved, that the Foreign Evangelical Society has claims upon the friends of vital godliness, as it aims to disseminate Christian knowledge, and to resuscitate the spirit of Christianity in Papal Countries; and it is hereby commended to the prayers and co-operation of the Churches in connexion with this Association.

Resolved, that as the Sabbath is an Institution of Divine appointment, and the observance of it is essential to the social, civil, and religious interests of men; we earnestly recommend to all, to abstain from worldly business, traveling, and amusement; and to attend the public worship of God on that day; and to unite their efforts, in all suitable ways, to cause the Sabbath day to be remembered and kept holy throughout the community.

Belknap Association.

Churches	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	Tot	Adlt.	Inft.	Tot.
Alton		2	12	14										
Barnstead	Enos George	103	165	268	5		5	3		3	6	5		5
Centre Harbor	Almon Benson			38	6		6			1	5			
Gilmanton First Church	Hiram Freeman s s	28	54	82				4		1	1			
Gilmanton Centre	Daniel Lancaster	70	97	167		3	3	2		3	5		2	2
Gilmanton Iron Works	Stephen S. N. Greely	34	97	131		1	1	3	2	5	10		3	3
Meredith Bridge	John K. Young	57	134	191		2	2	5		2	7			
Meredith Village	Giles Leach s s			54				3		2	5			
New Hampton		16	36	52										
Northfield & Sanbornton Br	Enoch Corser	43	82	125	1	3	4	9		2	11			
Sandbornton Square	Abraham Bodwell	50	118	168	1		1			7	7	1	3	4
11	9	403	795	1198			22				16			14

Unsettled Ministers—Joseph Lane, Aaron Warner, Heman Rood, Isaac Bird, Gilmanton; Lot B. Sullivan, Meredith Village.

Caledonia Association.

Bath, East	D. Sutherland	20	34	54			7	3		3	6			
Bath, West	No report.													
Bethlehem	E. Burt	9	19	27										
Franconia	E. Burt	9	18	27	2		2	4			4	2		2
Littleton	L. R. Worcester	33	77	110	7	6	13	3		3	6	5	11	16
5	3			219			22				57			18

Unsettled Ministers—Leonard Worcester, Drury Fairbank.

Deerfield Association.

Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof	Let	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Chichester	Rufus A. Putnam	71	103	174				1	1	2	4			
Deerfield	Ephraim N. Hidden	56	88	144	6	7	13	3		2	5	2	3	5
Dunbarton	John M. Putnam	43	107	150	7	5	12	10		4	4			
Epsom	Winthrop Fifield	54	99	153	1	1	2	3	1	2	6		2	2
Loudon	John Le Bosquet s s	30	60	90	2	2	4	2		4	6			
Northwood	Destitute	49	58	107		1	1	2		2	4			
Nottingham	Destitute	4	14	18										
Pittsfield	Jonathan Curtis	56	117	173	4			2		3	5			
8	8			1009			36				44			7

Unsettled Ministers—Deerfield, Nathaniel Wells; Dunbarton, Dr. Harris; Chichester, Josiah Carpenter; Northwood, Josiah Prentice; Candidate, Alanson St. Clair, Concord.

Derry Association.

Hampstead	John McBartley			130	4	2	6	4		3	7		7	7
Candia	William Murdock			245	1	6	7	5	1	3	4		4	4
Salem	Jonas Fisk	17	35	52	5	3	8	1		1	2	1	3	4
Pelham	Jacob Chapman s s	30	60	90										
Londonderry	Timothy G. Brainerd				32	5	37	2			2	14	2	16
Derry	Edward L. Parker	110	215	325	35		35							
Chester	Jonathan Clement	97	143	235	6	2	8	5			5	3	12	15
Windham	Calvin Cutler	70	108	178	2	2	4	0			5		5	5
Derry Village	Pliny B. Day	28	67	95		3	3	2			2			
9	9			960			108				27			51

Unsettled Ministers—Samuel Harris, John Kelly, N. A. Keys, Charles P. Russell.

Harmony Association.

Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Alexandria	James Hobart	9	17	26										
Bridgewater		9	11	20										
Bristol	D. O. Morton	9	29	38										
Conway	John Wilde	35	83	118					1	2	3	1	3	4
Campton	Charles Shedd			121		2	2							
Danbury	Daniel Pulsifer			40										
Effingham	James Doldt s s	15	26	41						2	2			
Hebron	James Hobart s s	7	17	24										
Groton	James Hobart s s	13	22	35										
Moultonboro'	Joshua Dodge	30	57	87	13	1	14			2	2	6	2	8
Ossipee	John S. Winter	39	59	98	18		18					7	6	13
Plymouth	George Punchard	53	102	155		3	3	3	1	3	7		7	7
Sandwich South	Otis Holmes	29	66	98										
Sandwich North		11	17	28										
Tamworth	William L. Buffett	72	147	219				2		7	9			
Thornton	Samuel Kingsbury	17	26	43										
Tuftonboro'	Joshua Dodge s s	10	22	32		2	2							
Wakefield	Nathaniel Barker	19	46	65				1		2	3			
Wolfboro'	Jeremiah Blake	26	59	85	1	2	3			1	1		5	5
Wolfboro' North	Jeremiah Blake s s	15	30	45	1	6	7			1	1		1	1
Milton	Benjamin G. Willey	22	80	102	19		19	1			1	16	5	21
21	19			1356			68				29			58

Unsettled Minister—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

Hopkinton Association.

Churches	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	Tot.	Adlt.	Int.	Tot.
Andover	Vacant													
Boscawen 1st	Caleb B. Tracy	62	146	226	6		6	10		3	13	3	1	4
Boscawen 2d	Edward Buxton	23	92	134	1	5	6	1	3	2	6		6	6
Bradford	Stephen Rogers	54	52	75	2		2	9	7	5	21	1	1	2
Canterbury	William Patrick	91	115	169	2	1	3	5	2	8	15		5	5
Concord 1st	Nathaniel Bouton	60	263	354	6	2	8	58			*58	2	6	8
Concord West	Asa P. Tenney		128	187	3	11	14	6		2	8		4	4
Concord South	Daniel J. Noyes			140				1			1	7	13	20
Concord East	Morgan, s s	16	41	57	9	9	18					9		9
Franklin	Isaac Knight	16	67	83	5	5	10	4		1	5	2	6	8
Henniker	E. B. Foster	68	129	197	5	5	10	12		3	15		6	6
Hopkinton 1st	Moses Kimball	72	180	252		•	5	5		5	10		4	4
Hopkinton 2d	David Kimball	3	9	12										
Loudon Village	Vacant													
Hill	Vacant	46												
Pembroke	Abraham Burnham	17	188	184			6	13	1	7	21	1	1	2
Salisbury	Benjamin F. Foster	28	57	74	1	1	2	2		4	6		2	2
Warner	James W. Perkins		73	101	1	1	2		2	4	6		4	4
18	15			2046			81				185			84

Unsettled Ministers—Ebenezer Price, Boscawen; Henry Wood, Benjamin P. Stone; Aaron Warner, Gilmanton.

Hollis Association.

Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof	Let	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Die.	Tot.	Baptisms Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst	Wm. T. Savage	103	205	308	41	3	44	3	8	2	13	14	8	22
Brookline	Daniel Goodwin	28	55	83	23	2	25					12	11	23
Hollis	Vacant			259	No	repo	rt.							
Mason	E. Hill and J. B. Hill	99	162	261	36	6	42	2		2	4	20	4	24
Merrimack 1st Cong.	Stephen T. Allen	36	76	112	26	12	38					19	6	25
Merrimack Evangel.	Vacant													
Milford	Abner B. Warner	105	173	278	32	11	43	6	1	2	9	14	1	15
Mont Vernon	Bezaleel Smith	51	112	163	7	3	10	2		1	3	3	4	7
Nashua 1st Cong.	Vacant			340	No	repo	rt.							
Nashua 2d Cong.	Austin Richards			455	111	13	121	14			14		13	13
New Ipswich	Samuel Lee	138	242	380	61	7	68	10		6	16	26	6	32
Rindge	A. W. Burnham			266	46	7	53	3		3	6	19	12	31
Temple	Leonard Jewett			120	10		10							
Wilton	Humphrey Moore s s			100	No	repo	rt.							
14	14			3124			457				65			192

Unsettled Ministers—Humphrey Moore, Milford; Eli Smith, Hollis.

Lancaster Association.

Colebrook	C. W. Richardson	39	77	116	3	2	5			1	1	1	3	4
Lancaster	Clark Perry	14	46	60				1		1	2		1	1
Dalton	Horace Wood	21	21	42	6	3	9	1			1	4	1	5
Whitefield		10	15	25	1	2	3							
4	3			243			17				4			10

Monadnock Association.

Churches	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis	Ex.	Die.	Tot	Adlt.	Inft.	Tot.
Alstead	Darwin Adams	21	49	70	1		1	30		2	32	1		1
New Alstead	Moses Gerould	56	85	141		5	5	3		5	8		3	3
Paper Mill Village	Darwin Adams s s	13	22	35										
Chesterfield	Hale s s	12	33	45	7		7							
Dublin	H. A. Kendall	12	33	45	5	2	7							
Fitzwilliam	John Sabin	73	145	218	12	3	15	3		4	7	5	8	13
Gilsum	James Tisdale s s	15	40	55				5		2	7			2
Hinsdale	G. S. Brown			135										
Jaffrey	L. Ainsworth & J.D.Crosby			170	3		3	8		6	14			5
Keene	Z. S. Barstow	62	206	268			16	10	2		12			
Marlborough	Giles Lyman s s	25	52	77	2		2			2	2			
Nelson	Daniel L. French	52	48	100	4	3	7							
Harrisville	Otis C. Whiton	27	45	72	12	7	19			1	1	6		6
Roxbury		18	29	47	2		2	1			1			
Stoddard	Isaac Robinson			65			2	2		1	3			
Surry	Elihu Smith s s	10	36	46										
Sullivan	Alanson Alvord	26	63	89	2	7	9			3	3			5
Swansey	Elisha Rockwood	19	63	82	1	3	4	1			1		2	2
Troy	Jeremiah Pomroy	26	51	77	1		1	1	2		2			
Walpole	Abraham Jackson			115	19		19	6		2	8			6
Westmoreland	Robert W. Fuller			161	6		6	8	3		11			11
Winchester	John Thompson			170	14	9	23			5	5			
22	22			2288			148				117			54

Unsettled Ministers—Joel Wright and Josiah Peabody, Sullivan. Candidate—Luther Townsend, Fitzwilliam.

Piscataqua Association.

Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pref.	Let	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
North Hampton	Jonathan French	76	110	186		2	2	3	1	5	9		10	10
Stratham	William J. Newman	14	37	51	1	1	2	1		2	3			
Hampton	Erasmus D. Eldridge	43	120	163						4	4		9	9
Seabrook & Hampton Falls	Sereno T. Abbot	22	50	72				3		2	5			
Rye	James F. McEwen			116		2	2			3	3		5	5
Portsmouth		75	247	322	2	10	12	14	3	3	20	2	16	18
Greenland	Samuel W. Clark	4	37	41	1		1			3	3		7	7
Exeter 1st church	William Williams	50	168	218	4		4	1		2	3	2	3	5
Exeter 2d church	Isaac Hurd	15	65	80				4		4	8			
Brentwood	James Boutwell	24	54	78		2	2	2		2			2	2
South New Market	Elijah W. Tucker	7	12	19		2	2							
New Market		23	52	75	2	1	3	4	1		5	2		2
Durham	Alvan Tobey	15	62	77				3	1	1	5		3	3
Dover	J. S. Young	92	302	394	4	1	5	14		6	20	5	5	10
Rochester														
Great Falls	Samuel Bean													
Kingston	George W. Thompson													
Newington		3	5	8										
Barrington	Samuel Nichols	21	39	60		2	2		1	1	2		3	3
Epping	Calvin Chapman s s	5	21	26				1			1			
New Castle	Joseph P. Tyler s s	4	12	16	2	2	4					1		1
21	17			2002			41				91			75

Unsettled Minister—T. K. Miller, Portsmouth

Sullivan Association.

Churches	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.			
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Dio	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Lebanon	Phineas Cook			216	4	1	5	5		1	6	1	6	7
Lempster 1st church	Samuel H. Tolman s s	52	38	90	6	0	6	1			1	1	3	4
Lempster 2d church	Aaron Wait s s	22	26	48	6	2	8	1			1	4	2	6
Meriden	Amos Blanchard			100		2	2	1		1	2		1	1
Newport	John Woods	83	143	266	3	10	13	14		7	21	1	6	7
Washington	Samuel Mason s s	14	41	55		1	1	1	2	1	4			
Langdon	John Wood	8	13	21				9		1	10		7	7
Charlestown	J. De F. Richards	11	38	49	3		3			3	3	1	5	6
Cornish	Alvah Spaulding	48	70	118				3	1	3	7		3	3
Dartmouth College Church	John Richards	52	81	133	2	12	14	2	1	6	9	1	2	3
Plainfield														
Goshen	Aaron Wait s s	28	52	80	10	5	21					12	33	45
Acworth	Thomas Edwards													
Croydon	Davis s s													
Claremont	R. F. Lawrence	82	153	235	39	12	51	15		5	20	13	8	21
15	14			1411			124				84			110

Unsettled Ministers—Joseph Rowell, Alpheus Wood.

Union Association.

Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
		Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Amoskeag	Cyrus W. Wallace	58	97	155	5	32	37	9		4	13	3	8	11
Antrim	J. M. Whiton			193	1	2	3	3		5	8			
Bedford	Thomas Savage			250										
Deering	Destitute	No		Return.										
Francestown	James R. Davenport			447		5	5	7		7	14		[20]	20
Goffstown	Isaac Willey			150			5	4	7	5	16			
Greenfield	D. P. Smith s s	62	117	179	21		21	4		6	10	13	4	17
Hancock	Archibald Burgess	100	158	258		1	1	8	1	7	16		12	12
Hancock Factory	Albert Manson	17	33	50	10	5	15					3	9	12
Hillsborough Bridge	Samuel G. Tenney	26	45	71		5	5	1	1	1	3		3	3
Hillsborough Centre	George W. Adams	51	67	118	15	6	21	6		1	7	10	8½	18
Lyndeborough	Destitute			171	Last	ye	ar's	Re	port.					
New Boston	Ephraim P. Bradford			142				2	1	3	6			10
Peterborough	James R. French	63	106	169	52	12	64	1		2	3	30	19	49
14	12			2218			177				96			47

RECAPITULATION.

Belknap,	1198
Caledonia,	219
Deerfield,	1009
Derry,	980
Harmony,	1356
Hopkinton,	2046
Hollis,	3124
Lancaster,	243
Monadnock,	2288
Orange,	No Report.
Piscataqua,	2002
Sullivan,	1411
Union,	2213
	18,089

SCHEDULE

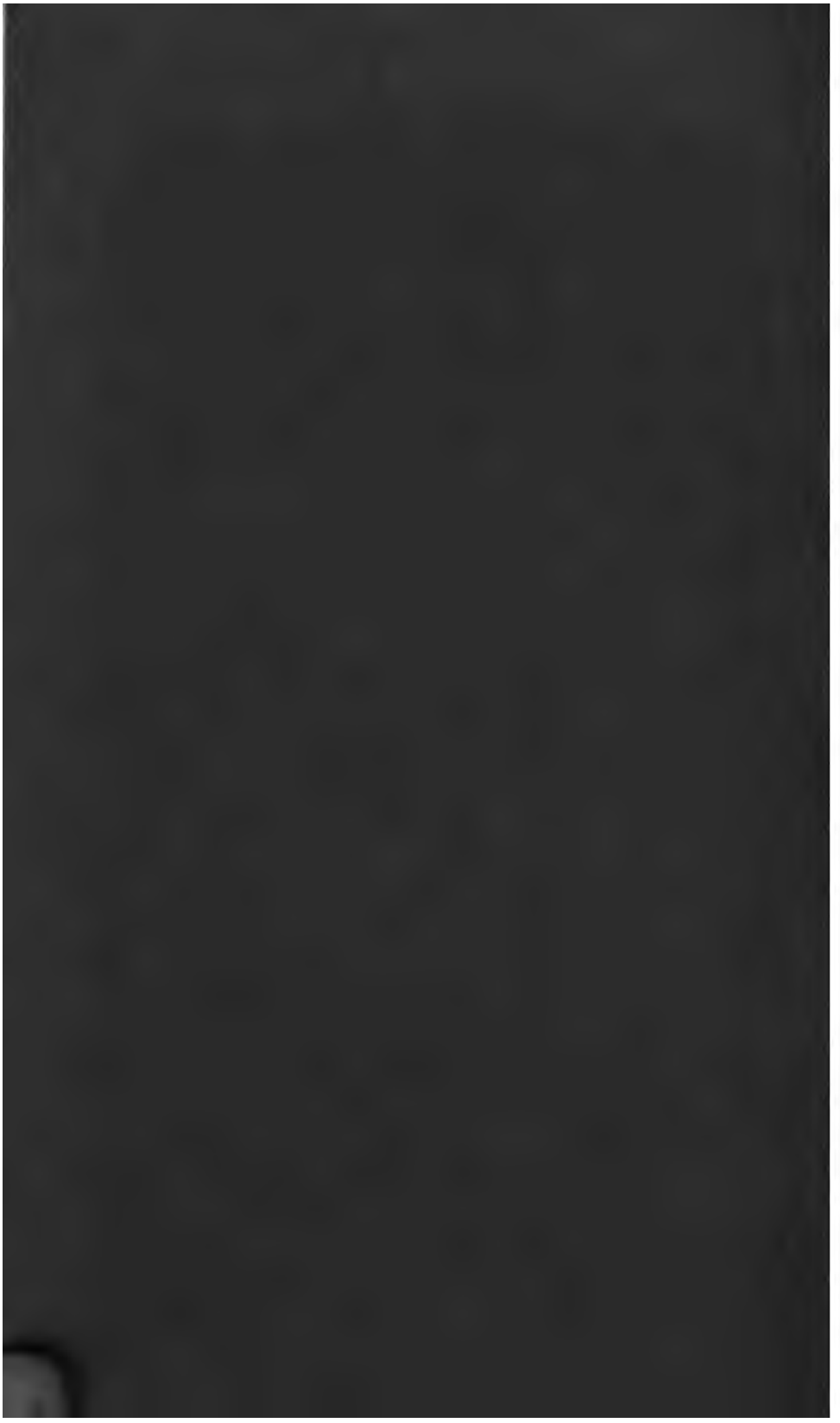
According to which delegates to Foreign Bodies are nominated by the District Associations, in proportion to their representation in the General Association,

No.del.toG.A.	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850
Monadnock 4	Con.R.I.	Vt.	Mass.	Vt. R. I.	Mass.Me.	Con. Vt.	Vt.	Mass.Con.	R. I. Me.
Hopkinton 3	Me.	Con.	Vt.	R. I.	Vt.	Me.	R. I. Con.	Mass.	Vt.
Piscataqua 3	Me.	Me.	Con.	Con.	R. I.	R.I.Mass.	Me.	Con.	Vt. R. I.
Union 3	Vt.	Me.	Con.	Mass.	Con.	Vt.	Me.	R. I.	Con.Mass.
Hollis 2	Pres.	Con.		Mass.	Vt.		Mass.	Me.	
Harmony 2		Pres.	Me.	Vt.		Mass.	Mass.	Vt.	
Derry 2	R. I.	Vt.	Pres.	Me.		Me.	R. I.	Vt.	
Orange 2	Mass.	R. I.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.	Vt.		Me.
Deerfield 2	Mass.	R, I.	Mass.	Me.	Pres.		Con.	R. I.	
Sullivan 2	Con.	Mass.	R. I.		Con.	Pres.		Me.	Mass.
Belknap 2	Vt.	Mass.		Con.	Mass.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.
Caledonia 1			Vt.		Me.			Pres.	
Lancaster 1			Me.		R. I.				Pres.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties	*Tracts.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions*	*Bible Society.*	*Foreign Missions.*	*Optional.*
Strafford	April & May	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March
Merrimack	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May
Grafton & Coos	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July
Hillsborough	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	August & Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

The next meeting of the Association is to be held in Henniker, 4th Tuesday of August, 1843.



MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

Congr. churches,

NEW HAMPSHIRE,—

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

NASHUA, AUGUST 22, 23, AND 24,

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MINUTES.

Nashua, Aug. 22, 1843.

The General Association of New Hampshire, assembled this day at 10 o'clock, A. M. in the meeting house of the Rev. Austin Richards, and was opened by a sermon by the Rev. John Richards of Hanover, from John 4; 24.

The preacher then took the chair, and certificates of membership were presented, from which it appeared, that the following delegates were appointed.

Association.	*Ministers.*
Belknap	Joseph Lane
	Daniel Lancaster
Caledonia	Erasmus J. Carpenter
	Wisthrop Fifield
Deerfield	Ephr. N. Hidden
	P. B. Day
Derry	T. G. Brainard
	Samuel Ordway
Harmony	John Wilde
	Bezaleel Smith
Hollis	M. Hale Smith
	A. B. Warner
	A. P. Tenny
Hopkinton	B. F. Foster
	Isaac Knight
Lancaster	Horace Wood
	Alanson Alvord
	O. C. Whiton
Monadnock	Giles Lyman
	John Thompson
Orange	none
	J. S. Young
Piscataqua	Wm. J. Newman
	S. Nichols
	John Richards
Sullivan	Samuel Mason
	Phineas Cook
	Isaac Willey
Union	James R. French
	Albert Manson
Gen. Assembly Pres. Church	J. C. Lord, D. D.
Gen. Association of Mass.	H. A. Tracy
Gen. Association Vermont	C. R. Batchelder
Gen. Association Connecticut	None
Gen. Conference Maine	
Secretary	Z. S. Barstow
Treasurer	A. Burnham
	Austin Richards
Ministers of the place	M. H. Smith

Rev. John Richards, was chosen Moderator, Rev. O. C. Whiton, Scribe, and Rev. W. Fifield, Assistant Scribe.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, after which adjourned till half past one, P. M.

Met according to adjournment, when the standing rules of the Association were read.

Rev. Messrs. A. Burnham, A. P. Tenny and I. Willey were appointed a Committee of nomination.

Rev. Messrs. B. P. Day, J. C. Lord, C. R. Batchelder, B. Smith and B. F. Foster were appointed a committee to take minutes from the narratives on the state of religion, and make a report, after which the narratives were presented, and the exercises closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Lord.

A communication was received from the Congregational and Presbyterian Union of Wisconsin, expressing a desire for fraternal correspondence with this body. Whereupon it was

Voted, That we reciprocate the sentiments of the communication through the Secretary of the Association.

The Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund made their report, which was accepted and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Treasurer of the Association made his report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Voted, That the Secretary of this body communicate our sympathies to the Free Presbyterians of Scotland.—Accordingly the Secretary presented a letter which he had prepared, which was approved and directed to be sent.

Voted, That the following persons be appointed a Committee to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body, viz:

Rev. Messrs. J. French, E. L. Parker, J. Curtis, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, P. Cook, G. Punchard, N. Lord, D. D., J. Woods, Z. S. Barstow, A. Bodwell and D. Perry.

Rev. Messrs. John Woods and Daniel Lancaster, were appointed a Committee to fix on the place for the next meeting of the Association, and to designate the Association which shall appoint the preacher. Who subsequently reported the South Church in Con-

cord, as the place, and the Union Association to appoint the preacher, which was adopted.

Voted to refer a communication from the Deerfield Association, on the subject of slavery, to the Committee to whom was referred the last year an overture from the Monadnock Association, and also a communication from the Free Will Baptist connection on the subject of slavery; which Committee was to report to this body this year.

Rev. Jonathan Clement, from the Committee appointed for the purpose, read a Pastoral letter to the churches, which was accepted and recommitted to the same Committee for revision.—(See Appendix.)

Voted to adjourn to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, to meet in Rev. Mr. Smith's meeting house. Prayer by Rev. A. Burnham.

Wednesday morning, Aug. 23.—Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. French. Minutes of yesterday's session were read.

Rev. Messrs. A. Burgess and I. Willey were appointed to prepare a pastoral letter for next year.

Delegates to foreign bodies last year made a report, which was accepted.

The Committee appointed to modify the exercises of the General Association made a report, which was accepted and adopted, which is as follows: (See Appendix.)

The following persons were appointed delegates to corresponding bodies for the next year, viz:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia, —Rev. George Punchard, Primary; Rev. Charles Shedd, Substitute.

General Association of Connecticut, —Rev. N. Bouton, Primary; Rev. S. Knight, Substitute.

General Convention, Vermont—Rev. Darwin Adams, Primary; Rev. John Thompson, Substitute.

General Association, Massachusetts, —Rev. John Woods, Primary; Rev. P. Cook, Substitute.

General Conference, Maine,—Rev. I. Willey, Primary; Rev. J. R. French, Substitute.

The Evangelical Consociation, R. I. —Rev. J. M. Putnam, Primary; Rev. E. N. Hidden, Substitute.

The hour having arrived to hear addresses from agents of benevolent societies, the Association gave way, and heard Rev. Mr. Bliss, in behalf of the Tract cause; Rev. Mr. Clark, in behalf of American Board; Rev. Mr. Miller, in behalf of the Peace Society; Rev. E. Beecher, D. D. and Rev. L. Beecher, D. D. in behalf of Western Institutions.

Gave place to the N. H. Branch of the Education Society.

After the exercises of this Society, the Association resumed business, and voted to adjourn till a quarter before one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.—Heard the report of the Committee that was appointed last year to report on the overture from the Monadnock Association, and also one from the Free Will Baptist connection; both on the subject of slavery, which report was adopted, and it was

Voted, That the report be communicated to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, by our delegates to that body at its next meeting.

Voted to give place to the New Hampshire Branch of the American Bible Society, and the N. H. Sabbath School Union.

Rev. Mr. Bullard addressed the meeting in behalf of the Union; after which, Mr. Spaulding made a few remarks in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society.

Association resumed business. The Committee to whom was committed the resolutions of the Deerfield Association reported, that they should be unable to attend to the subject at the present meeting of the body; whereupon after various remarks, it was vot-

ed, that the resolutions be laid upon the table.

Voted, That this body feels interested in the circulation of the Congregational Journal, and having with much satisfaction observed its increasing usefulness, recommend, that efforts be made to sustain it, and enlarge its circulation.

Voted, That no tax be assessed on the several district associations for the next year.

Rev. Erdix Tenny was appointed preacher at the communion season next year, and Rev. J. R. Young, Substitute.

Rev. A. Burnham was chosen Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton Auditor for the next year.

Voted, That the Scribes together with Rev. A. Burnham, be a publishing committee.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. J. Curtis, I. Knight and J. Richards, be a Committee to correspond with a Committee of the General Convention of Vermont on the subject of church psalmody and music.

Resolved by this General Association, that as the Western Literary and Theological Seminaries are vital to the best interests of our whole country, and to the conversion of the world, they be commended to the prayers and contributions of our churches.

Resolved, That this body approve of the organization, which has been formed to aid those Institutions, and that they will give their influence in its behalf.

Voted to adjourn to tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock then to meet in Rev. Mr. Richards' meeting house. Prayer by Rev. J. Woods.

Thursday, Aug. 24. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Foster. After reading the minutes of yesterday's session,

Voted, That the thanks of the General Association, be presented to the good people of Nashua, through their Pastors, Messrs. Richards and Smith, for their hospitality and kindness, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

The Committee on the state of religion within the bounds of this body, made a report which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Pastors in connexion with this Association, to make more constant use of the Assembly's Catechism in the instruction of the young.

Voted to accept the foregoing, as the correct minutes of this meeting.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Clark,—
Voted, to adjourn *sine die*.

JOHN RICHARDS, Moderator.
O. C. WHITON, Scribe.
W. FIFIELD, Assistant Scribe.

True copy of the original minutes.
Attest—
O. C. WHITON, Scribe.

Appendix.

STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the fourth Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M. by a Concio ad Clerum by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a Moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Minister of the place of the meeting, the Secretary of the N. H. Missionary Society, ex-officio, and Delegates from District Associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every Association, two from every Association of seven members, three from every Association of thirteen members, and four from every Association of twenty members. No minister shall be count-

ed or represented in two Associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The Secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the committee of overtures, as occasion shall require.

A committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred, for them to report thereon, and also be a committee of overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more then twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The District Associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c. and the number of young men under twenty-five years of age, and the number who are preparing for the ministry in each church.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each Association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the Secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The publishing committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the State.

20. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

MODIFICATION OF THE EXERCISES.

The Committee appointed last year to meet and modify the exercises of the General Association having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report:

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, your committee recommend that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past. With a view to this, they recommend that in addition to morning prayer-meetings, public religious services, under the direction of the Pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session: that the narratives on the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accom-

panied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then such other objects, as the Association shall direct and time will allow—and finally, that a sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes be preached before the communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed, the year previous, by the General Association.

In behalf of the Committee,

N. BOUTON.

Aug. 1843.

REPORT ON THE WIDOW'S FUND.

The Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, report to the General Association of New Hampshire, That they held their annual meeting, at the house of their President in Concord, June 7, 1843, and elected,—

Rev. N. Bouton, President; Rev. A. Burnham, Secretary; Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer; Rev. Messrs. Bouton and Noyes, Auditors.

Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, Prudential Committee.

Then proceeded to elect two Trustees instead of Samuel Fletcher, Esq. who had removed out of the State; and Rev. E. Hill, and elected Hon. Samuel Morrill and Dea. Abner B. Kelley.

The Trustees took under consideration the expediency of altering the Constitution, and voted to propose to the Pastoral Convention, and to the General Association, that whereas the Constitution now requires all the officers to be chosen by ballot, it be so far altered, that the Trustees may choose the Prudential Committee and the auditors by ballot, or otherwise.

The Convention concurred with the Trustees in this proposal.

After the adjournment of the meeting, the Committee met and appropriated,

To Mrs. Patty Walker,	$20,00
Mrs. B. Hall,	20,00
Mrs. Nichols,	20,00
Mrs. M. Pillsbury,	20,00
Mrs. M. Dow,	20,00
Amounting to	$100,00

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Trustees, by

A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

Pembroke, Aug. 14, 1843.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association in account with A. Burnham, Treasurer.

Dr.				
To cash paid Rev. Mr. Barstow,				
For postage,	$1,10	Am't bro't over,		$70,42
To printer's bill,	40,00	Expend. deducted		41,10
	$41,10	In Treasury,		$29,32

Cr. Received from	
Caledonia Association	$2,00
Belknap	3,00
Deerfield	2,50
Derry	3,00
Harmony	0,00
Hopkinton	7,50
Hollis	5,00
Lancaster	1,50
Monadnock	8,50
Orange	0,00
Piscataqua	7,00
Sullivan	4,00
Union	5,00
Receipts	$49,00
Balance last year,	$21,42
Amount	$60,42

I hereby certify, that I have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the N. H. General Association, and find it correctly cast, and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

Concord, Aug. 9, 1843.

PASTORAL ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO THE CHURCHES OF THEIR CONNECTION.

Dear Brethren,—The existing trials of the Church of Christ, make the duty now assigned us, of vast solemnity and importance. We propose to address you on one of the more prominent of these trials, leaving it for other pens, and other occasions, to furnish the admonitions and counsels that may be called for by your varying circumstances.

The *instability of the pastoral relation*, the evils attending it, a glance at their causes, and some attempts to suggest a remedy, is the subject of this address. The *fact* of this instability is so notorious, that we shall spend no time in asserting or proving it, but pass immediately to a brief consideration of its evils.

One evil which the churches must suffer from the frequent changes of its ministers, is found in the *character* of ministerial services necessarily resulting from such mutability. Time was, when ministers settled with the reasonable expectation of remaining for years, probably for life, in the place of their settlement. They laid their plans accordingly. They labored not so much for immediate results, as for those more distant and abiding. They aimed at laying deep and broad the foundations of the church's prosperity. They adopted a system for bringing the great doctrines of revelation, in harmonious light, before the eyes of their people. The almost endless variety of subjects contained in the Bible, and which the Holy Ghost inspired for wise purposes, was embraced in their ideas of a minister's work. The seed they sowed was not that which is calculated to spring up in a night, and whose products are doomed to an equally rapid decay; it was the seed of sacred truth, obtained from God's own hand, which they went forth in the morning to scatter, and withheld not the hand in the evening, leaving it with his Providence whether this or that should prosper, or whether they both should be alike good.

All the works of men are imperfect, and no doubt, under the hands of secular men, always liable to intrude into the ministry, such a state of harmony was attended with unhappy consequences; but in the hands of the devout and faithful, it was under God, the instrumentality to which we owe the stable christian spirit, and noted moral worth, so long cherished by the sons of the Pilgrims. How is it now? Very different surely, and we fear the change is not for the better. Preachers have come to know what sort of preaching the public ear demands; and this knowledge of the demand affects their preparation for the pulpit. A few popular topics are selected, and fitted up in style and manner suited to the taste of the hearers; and these are delivered with a view to instant effect.—Even the few subjects which are so introduced, are not thoroughly considered, but handled in such a rapid and eclective way as may gratify, rather than improve minds that are but slightly acquainted with them. Other doctrines equally necessary to a full knowledge of the way of salvation are wholly omitted, or glanced at in a tone that amounts to a caricature. If it occur to the preacher that such a presentation of the sacred oracles must fail to produce the best final results, his scruples are met with the stubborn fact, that by no other method will the greatest number be called out to hear the word; and that if the constant repetition of the same things must soon fail to excite the same audience, it matters not, for under any circumstances the changeable times will not allow the expectation of long continuence in one place. The motives which would lead to the proper conduct of the sacred ministry, are thus greatly

weakened, if not destroyed. It is not asserted that the conscientious servants of the Lord Jesus, will invariably yield to the bad tendencies around them, yet few will be found who will escape unhurt from so fiery an ordeal.

If then the churches would enjoy a ministry most in accordance with the mind of Christ, they ought to resist, as far as possible, the current mutability of the pastoral relation. They would encourage their ministers with the hope of permanency: and thus throw in their path strong inducements to give themselves to study, that they may bring forth out of their treasure things both new and old, for the edification of the body of Christ.

Another evil arising from the fickle state of the ministry is the aggravation of the already sickly taste of the community. "The time will come, saith the Apostle, when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their lusts will heap up to themselves teachers, having itching ears." It was no enviable reputation possessed by the ancient Athenians, that they spent their time in telling or hearing some new thing. Such fondness for novelties, however, was comparatively harmless, when wasted on such subjects as usually solicited the attention of the curious Greek; but when turned to religious topics, and especially when found in the bosom of the church of Christ, it is the fountain of inexpressible mischief. The apostle is very severe on this class of religionists, in the words we have just quoted. They are so excitable that they cannot rest satisfied without something continually presented to rouse up the feelings, and keep them in a state of constant irritation. To effect this there must be a perpetual increase of the stimulant applied. The same portion will not produce the same excitement the second time as the first, or the third time as the second. The still small voice of God's word and Spirit will produce uniform results, or if the uniformity be broken, it is by the gradual increase of divine influence. But in such violent movements, in order to sustain the amount of impression at first produced, the strong wind that breaks the mountains and rends the rocks, must be succeeded by the earthquake, which shakes the whole ground, and that, by the fire which melts the elements with fervent heat. A certain amount of excitement is secured by a few days application of the means of grace; twice that number of days must be employed the next time to realize the expectations of the people, and so on, in endless progression. A minister of unwonted action and skill wakes up a powerful interest in the community; to sustain it, another preacher must be obtained of still greater address, and so on, as long as ever varied powers, and yet newer novelties can be found. What sort of tastes will be generated in people, in process of time, by such a management of the ministry? Surely they will be such as no power of human eloquence can either benefit or satisfy. The ordinary influences of the house of God, such as he designed for the perpetuity of the church, will become of no effect, and after a time, the most extraordinary that can be used will likewise fail. Some parts of the American heritage are already in this dismal state, and it becomes the churches every where to oppose the instability of the ministerial functions, that they may save themselves from a similar blight. The human constitution may become so sickly as not to be able to bear wholesome food, or at least not in sufficient quantities to indicate health and vigor: and the church may, by a process such as we have described, be cursed with a religious condition that will end in the total consumption of its vital powers.

Besides producing in the churches morbid sensibilities, unfavorable to religious growth, the frequent change of

the ministry tends likewise to divide them, or at least to weaken the union which is essential to their prosperity. The predilections of hearers must be greatly diversified, from causes that are necessary and perpetual operation. Men naturally have their own peculiar feelings and modes of judgment. Even if there is a good degree of harmony as to doctrines, the style and method of presenting them, which will please one part of an audience, will disgust others. The same remark will apply to the proportionate attention which may be paid to pastoral and social visiting; some will be well pleased with this, at the expense of the more varied and thorough preparation for the pulpit; while others will plead strongly for the most diligent study, and elaborate sermonizing, though they should render it impracticable for the minister to mingle much with the people. The very personal habits, and most trivial conduct, let them be what they will, can scarcely ever be universally approved; he is too familiar,or he is too austere; he is too close or he is too liberal; he mingles too much with the ungodly, or he throws them off entirely from his influence by keeping them at too great a distance. Now in cases where the ministry is long and faithfully conducted, these discrepancies of taste gradually disappear, and all become so far united as to dwell together in peace, and to profit by the word, and to prosper in the worship of the Lord. But the perpetual changeableness of ministerial labors tends on the contrary to aggravate the differences of taste, until it becomes absolutely impossible that any one preacher should be able to gratify the feelings of all. Thus the evil is only enhanced by the shifting trials to remove it, and the brethren who used to walk together in unity of spirit, become rent into mutually denouncing factions.

And in connection with this great iniquity may be mentioned the power which has been conceded to a minority, in too frequent instances, and to the manifest wrong of Zion. A few individuals become disaffected with the minister unreasonably, and set on foot a plan for his dismission; they propose to trouble the waters so long, and so deeply, that even his best friends will think it expedient to consent to his removal. His usefulness is represented as being at an end; or the society is so small as to need the pecuniary assistance of all, and the hope is entertained that another minister would unite the parish, and thus lighten the burden of supporting; and various other considerations are pressed into the service of the malcontents.—It has been asserted that a single man, especially if at all prominent, is able, in this way, to rule the whole parish, and that cases of this kind have been known, in which the work was going on for several years; and in which, although the instigator was finally ruined himself as to peace and usefulness, yet the object which he had in view was effected. One sinner destroyeth much good, even if he destroys himself at the same time. A blind Sampson may pull down the temple of religion although he may bury himself in the ruins. Cases have been known where two or three ministers have been dismissed to suit the caprice of a single man, and that man, after all, expelled from the church.—Now what society which thus trifles with the feelings, reputation, and ministerial functions of their Pastor, can expect to prosper? Will God smile on gross injustice, because it happens to be committed against a poor minister? Never. He who hath said,touch not mine Anointed, and do my prophets no harm, will blast the prospects of any religious society, which sacrifices, from mercenary motives, the peace and happiness of its public servants.—Not even the pecuniary object can be obtained in this manner, for ere long it becomes an impossibility to settle a

minister with any degree of unanimity in a parish cursed with such fickleness; the instability of whose itching ears has been wonderfully enhanced by the foolish exertions to gratify it.

We shall next glance at the *causes* of this instability in the Pastoral relation. These are to be found chiefly in the difference of opinion and feelings on subjects of great exciting interest in the public mind. There is a division of sentimeut in the christian church in relation to the measures to be employed in the removal of certain national sins, and for the promotion of the opposite virtues, and the difference of sentiment is so great, as to have strong hold of the heart. So much so that, denominational differences are lost sight of in the greater differences that run through churches of the same denomination. Even the perversion of sound doctrine is winked at, if it come in connection with the warm support of a favorite object of reform. In such strength of religious sentiment and warmth of feeling, church members are prone to exact of their minister sentiments and feelings like their own. They require of him a partiality for plans of benevolence dear to their own hearts, and a distrust and depreciation of those plans, which they themselves distrust and depreciate.—Nor are they satisfied with mere depreciation on the one hand, or mere support on the other. The favorite enterprises must be advocated with energy of language commensurate with their supposed magnitude; and those which are pronounced an imposition on the public, must feel the weight of a most terrible indignation. It is certain that the minister cannot please both parties. If some require wine at the commnnion, at all events, and others, with equal importunity desire its removal, the Pastor cannot satisfy, even by his silence—much less by his warm adherence to one of the requisitions. Other illustrations might be adduced.

This division in the churches, if not first created, is constantly fomented by agents and lecturers, passionately devoted to their respective projects of philanthropy, and oftentimes exceedingly bitter towards each other. We may here venture a remark on public agencies generally. If they are of such a character as to insure the approbation of the christian public, they still need to be conducted with more discretion than always falls to their lot. Agents acquire a readiness in the discussion of a few interesting topics, and there are always some in the assemblies they address who cannot realize the impossibility of sustaining the interest thus excited, if the same speaker were to be listened to Sabbath after Sabbath for a length of time.—Hence these superficial hearers become dissatisfed with the labors of their own Pastor, and vainly imagine that the man who has deeply interested them once or twice, would continue to interest thus deeply ever after. We exculpate all our approved agents from any intention of this kind; but the subject is worthy of consideration. The very nature of agencies requires peculiar caution, lest those who pass from place to place, and become familiar with parish difficulties, should so circulate the knowledge of them as to aggravate their evils.

We may be allowed to advert to another cause of fickleness in the Pastoral relation. We refer to the exertions and influence of great revival preachers; the labors of evangelists: protracted religious services, and their usual attendants. Most surely the excess to which these things have been carried, and the improper reliance placed upon them, have been one great cause of the frequent changes in the ministry. Eminent revival preachers sometimes owe their success to their very extravagancies. Their novel measures, the varied use of the voice acquired by special attention to that point, and in some instances the novel

doctrines arresting the public mind, give them a momentary influence over the people, far beyond that of the settled Pastor. Not stopping to consider the abiding consequences, but rejoicing at the sight of many in the assembly, who are usually absent from the house of God—and of the hopeful conversion of numbers; with the deep, solemn impression left on the minds of still more; even good men are enticed into the belief that a method of conducting public worship different from that of their own Pastor's, and resembling that of distinguished revivalists, would be more conducive to the promotion of religion. Here has been found one of the most active causes of the dismission of ministers.

We turn now to the remedy of these evils, which together with their causes, we have endeavored to describe. The success of this remedy, so far as you are concerned, will depend mainly on the compliance with this direction—*learn to be content with the plain, faithful, persevering labors of your own Pastor.* Value the Sabbath, because it is God's day; the ministry, because it is ordained of heaven for the salvation of your souls, and the souls of your children. Be not drawn to the sanctuary, on account of the display of the pulpit, but because it is the place, where the Father of mercies has recorded his name. We do not advise you to sustain an incompetent or unfaithful minister; but if you have one sincerely devoted to his work, able and willing to instruct you in the things of the Kingdom of God—be more than satisfied with him; esteem him highly for his work's sake—do not depreciate him—do not weaken his hands or discourage his heart by an expressed preference for the more striking exhibition of the pulpit, which you may have witnessed in others.

The passion for such exhibitions is the curse of our churches, especially of those that are feeble. Indulging the erroneous feeling, that by these means alone their prosperity can be secured, they become dissatisfied with the services of those who are not gifted with brilliant otatorical powers—consequently they are deprived of the only religious instruction they can command.

But what sort of ministerial influence do you need to give the most enduring success to the appointed instrumentalities of the sanctuary? Is it not that which is continually put forth? Is it not that which extends to all these instrumentalities? Do you not need, that the rich and varied instruction of God's word should be so imparted to the entire congregation as to leave on their minds an impression of the whole spirit of revelation? Do you not need to have declared to you *all* the counsel of God? Do you not need to be fed with strong meat as well as with the milk of the word?—Could you be long saved from dispersion, were all the preaching you enjoyed, confined to the reiteration for the thousandth time of a few meagre but exciting thoughts? Do not the children and youth of your societies need to be under a systematic course of instruction, which can be carried out only where are enjoyed the regular, well sustained labors of the faithful Pastor? Do you not feel that if under such a ministry, you are gradually strengthened from year to year, it will be in the end vastly better for you than any fancied rapid growth, which is doomed to sudden decay and disastrous termination?

Now if this is the ministry, which you need, are you not convinced, that it is to be found not so much in connection with shining pulpit talents—the ability to rouse the general mind for a short time, as in connection with the self denying, serious, protracted efforts of the Pastor who loves his people, and strives with all his power to promote their salvation, though he may not be able to dazzle their minds with the brilliancy of particular discourses?

Are you not convinced, that your true and lasting good can be best promoted by a Pastor who shall lead you into the green pastures and by the *still waters* of salvation?

We would freely open to you, brethren, all the feelings of our hearts on this subject. We would express to you our solemn belief, that darker days are before the churches, unless the foregoing considerations are duly regarded. The relation we have been contemplating is too sacred to be treated with that levity in which it is by many viewed. It is a relation which God has formed and owned, and blessed. To restore the proper christian sentiment in reference to it, exert all the power you possess. Nothing else will save you from the spiritual maladies that will lay the emaciated churches in the grave.

Enter fully into the wise plans of benevolence, which your Pastors adopt but do not force them to advocate or disapprove such as you may approve or condemn. Allow them the right of judgment in matters difficult to be decided and already the sources of trouble to the churches. Help to sustain their burdens. Expect, that they will constantly improve their official influence over you, IF you kindly receive their ministry. Give diligent attendance on their public services, and cordially receive them at your houses. God will bless you for such a treatment of his servants, with peace in your borders, and prosperity in your palaces.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The General Association of this State, has seldom, if ever, met, when they have had more occasion for gratitude to God for his varied mercies, than at the present time. Though the angel of death has been among our flocks and many saints have been called home to glory, in no instances has the hand of death, during the past year, been laid upon any Pastor, and few, comparatively, have been removed from their labors by disease. Many of our churches, especially our feeble churches, which have, heretofore, been destitute of Pastors, have during the past year, been supplied; so that, perhaps, at the present moment, there are fewer churches destitute of settled Pastors, or stated supplies, than in former years. It has pleased the Great Head of the church to visit his people throughout the State, the past year in an unusual manner, by the special out-pourings of his Holy Spirit. Almost every report to which we have listened, has given the cheering intelligence of some special work of grace, within the bounds of the Association covered by the report. In many instances, we have been told there have been extensive revivals. And in other cases, there have been more hopeful conversions than have been reported in any former years. Almost every town has been blest with the out-pourings of the Holy Spirit. Owing to the want of particularity in the reports, we cannot specify the number of revivals in each Association; but there have been in the whole, during the last year, not far from FIFTY, and an addition in the aggregate, of more than two thousand members to our churches. The Associations which have shared most largely in these revivals, are Hopkinton, Belknap, Piscataqua, and Monadnock. The character of the revivals has generally been of the most pleasing nature. While in many instances pastors have resorted to the labors of their ministerial brethren, in their immediate neighborhoods, they have generally, if not universally avoided the labors of professed evangelists. The delegates from nearly all the different Associations have been explicit in bearing their testimony against the system of itinerant preaching.

Great reliance has been placed on the ordinary means of grace. The stated weekly ministrations of the word, in the pulpit and the lecture

room, together with the facilities afforded for reaching the mind by Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction, have been generally relied on as the means, under God, of bringing men to the knowledge of the truth.—We believe there is a growing conviction in the minds of pastors, as well as among our most intelligent laymen, that we ought to place more reliance on the ordinary means of grace which God has established for reaching the human heart, and less reliance on those which are the devices of men. We are happy to believe that, while some of our churches, still untaught by the baneful influence which these extraordinary means have produced, are yet relying too much upon them, there is generally a growing conviction that the good old way of our Fathers is the way to advance the permanent interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. There is, we believe, a more general readiness to listen to a plain exposition of the great fundamental doctrines of the Cross. The feverish sensibility which has existed in many congregations, on this point, is beginning to yield to the more scriptural mode of presenting Divine Truth. The Holy Spirit is being more honored, and his influence more ardently sought in prayer for the conversion and sanctification of the soul. The churches are feeling, more sensibly than a few years since, that it is not in the power of their Pastors, nor of any other preachers to produce a revival of pure religion; but that this blessing "cometh not but by prayer and fasting." If a church would be truly revived, the *people*, as well as the pastor, must have a mind to work, and God in his sovereign mercy, be pleased to bless.

We would not omit to acknowledge the services which the brethren in the Editorial departments of our religious newspapers, have rendered, in endeavoring to form a correct sentiment in the public mind, in relation to this subject. We would extend to them the right hand of fellowship, and bid them God speed in their work, while we own them as most efficient coadjutors in our labors.

From the reports which have been read respecting revivals, it appears that unusual pains have been taken to instruct young converts in their duty, and in the great fundamental doctrines of the Bible, before admission to the church. Hasty admissions have been *deprecated* and *avoided*. An effort has generally been made to lay the foundation for stable and active piety. In some instances, reports have stated that the Assembly's Catechism is beginning to be more carefully studied in our Sabbath Schools. We have occasion to rejoice that amid the many exciting causes which have existed the past year to disturb the harmony of our churches, they have generally stood fast. Though false teachers, and false prophets have been busy in sowing the seeds of discord in many of our vineyards, there is occasion for gratitude that so few of our churches have been materially disturbed.

There has been the past year, we believe, though faintly perceptible, a gradual improvement in favor of permanency in the Pastoral relation. The evil of fickleness in this relation, which has been so long and deeply deplored, we believe is beginning to subside.—Much has been said in our public bodies, in private conversation, and through the periodical press, on this point, and we believe, not without effect. The christian community, we believe, are beginning to feel the unhappy influence of a fluctuating ministry. Our intelligent laymen are making it a matter of serious consideration; and there is not only a hand uplifted here and there to stay the progress of the mountain waves which have been dashing over our land, threatening the utter extermination of the Pastoral office, but many hearts are also engaged in prayer for the removal of this evil.—

We trust the dawn of a beter day is breaking, and while many churches are destined still to suffer from this evil, we would fondly hope and believe that the importance of a permanent ministry is gaining ground. And though it may be many years before this subject will be felt in all its importance, it is gratifying to learn that the evil has arrived at its crisis, and is now slowly subsiding.

Our reports in regard to the various causes of benevolence have been encouraging. The feeble churches in our own State, though not so liberally assisted as we might wish, nevertheless receive a liberal share in the contributions and prayers of the more wealthy sister churches. The Macedonian cry from our brethren of the great western valley, has been responded to with a feeling and sympathizing soul—while the still deeper wail of millions who are sitting in the region and shadow of death in pagan lands, has sunk deep in christian hearts.—The Tract, the Bible, the Seamen's Friend, and the Education Societies, have not been forgotten. We own all these Societies as sisters of the same family, engaged in the same great enterprize of bearing the light of eternal truth to the ends of the earth.

The cause of Temperance has been unusually prosperous. During the past year noble and praise worthy efforts have been made, in some towns, to reclaim the unfortunate inebriate, and to banish entirely, the traffic in ardent spirits from their borders.

Sabbath Schools have been universally sustained. The opinion, however, prevails in some portions of the State, that this institution might be made a more efficient instrument than it now is, in building up the Redeemer's kingdom. It is our impression that the church has not yet fully felt her responsibility in this matter. The hope of the church is in the rising generation—and while *Pastors* should spare no pains to discharge their duty to the lambs of the flock, *the church* is, in our view, more particularly responsible for sustaining an interest in the Sabbath School. It is an institution where the labors of church members can be most advantageously expended, and where God calls upon them by the voice of his Providence, to labor while the day lasts.

In regard to the attendance on the Monthly Concert of prayer for the universal spread of the gospel,—a place where the spirit of benevolence is kindled and kept alive—we have not the means of speaking definitely.—We fear, however, that the advantages of this meeting are not appreciated as they should be, by the majority of christians.

We are happy to greet our brethren from foreign bodies, and to hear from them the cheering intelligence to which we have listened, respecting the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom within their borders. The report of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church (old school) gives the most encouraging account of the state of religion, within the bounds of that body. In the language of the Assembly "the last year has been a year of mercy and goodness, distinguished by constant and numerous tokens of the divine fovor, and an almost entire cessation from those evils which we have usually had so much cause to deprecate." Other members of that body have remarked, that in no year since the existence of the church in this country, have there been such wonderful tokens of the presence and power of the Most High, in the Presbyterian connection. "Fifty-three Presbyteries were blessed with the special presence of the Holy Spirit, upon more or less of the congregations within their bounds. In some Presbyteries the work was felt in every congregation. In some instances the number of hopeful conversions in a single Presbytery exceeded 1000. As many as 300 have been added to our churches; more

than 900 congregations have enjoyed revivals; and hundreds were reported as favored with encouraging tokens of the Redeemer's presence."

From Massachusetts, we learn that more than 80 churches have been specially blest with revivals the past year. The report from the General Convention of Vermont, has also given great occasion for thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, for the manifestation of his gracious presence in that State. Nearly one fourth of the churches are reported as having enjoyed revivals, more or less powerful. There has been a net gain from last year of 692 members.

As the general results of the past year it may be stated that more than one fourth of all the Congregational and Presbyterian churches in this State; one fourth of the Congregational churches in Vermont; one-fifth of the same in Massachusetts and more than 400 congregations in the Presbyterian church, (Old School) have enjoyed special revivals of religion. Perhaps in no year since the settlement of our country has our American Zion been so extensively blessed.

In conclusion we would say, that while we are grateful for the mercies of God, that he has so generously blessed the churches of our own State as well as others represented inthisbody, let us look to him with a deeper sense of our own unworthiness, and seek, by prayer and humble supplication, still richer communications of His grace. The signs of our times call for deep and active piety. Whether we look at the Redeemer's cause in our own state, or take a wider range, there is the most earnest call for humble, persevering effort at the throne of grace. What need we, beloved Brethren! more than constant showers of the Holy Spirit to water and build up our churches?—"Paul may plant, and Apollas water," but what will it avail unless God give the increase?

In behalf of the Committee,

P. B. DAY

Nashua, Aug. 24, 1843.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Alton			3	6	9										
Barnstead	Enos George	Sept 26, 1804.	126	189	308	45		45	5		9	14	40	7	47
Centre Harbor	Almon Benson	Dec. 23, 1840.	18	29	47	9		9	2		2	4	7		7
Gilmanton C	Daniel Lancaster	Dec. 16, 1836.	72	104	176	8	7	15	1		4	5	2	2	4
" I.W.			34	97	131										
" 1st Ch			28	54	82										
Meredith Br.	John K. Young		56	133	189		2	2	5			5		5	5
" Vil.	Giles Leach	Nov. 23, 1842.	31	62	93	11	1	12	3*		2	5	8		8
Sandbornton	Ab'h'm Bodwell	Nov. 13, 1806.	59	114	173	11		11	4		3	7	6	1	7
" Br.	Cor. Curtice		55	104	160	8	1	9							
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10	8		[illegible]	845	1368	93	11	104				40			58

Without charge—Joseph Lane, Heman Rood, Aaron Warner, Isaac Bird, Charles Tenney

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Bethlehem	Edmund Burt	Jan. 13, 1841.	11	19	30	5	0	5	4		2	6	3	4	7
Franconia	Edmund Burt	Jan. 13, 1841.	10	20	30	1	1	2					1		1
Bath	E. Cleveland s s		22	69	91	2		2	2			2	2	1	3
Littleton	E. I. Carpenter	Dec. 13, 1842.	38	90	128	8	4	12	6		4	10	7	8	15
4	3				279			21				18			35

Rev. Drury Fairbanks, unsettled.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Chichester	Rufus A. Putnam	Aug. 29, 1832.	66	104	170		1	1	4		2	6		1	1
Deerfield	Eph. N. Hudson	Sept. 1, 1841.			140	2		2			5	5	1		1
Dunbarton	John M. Putnam		44	112	156	12	3	15			6	6	1		1
Epsom	Winthrop Fifield	May 10, 1837.	53	96	149		1	1	5	1	2	8		5	5
Loudon	Jona. Ayers s s		30	60	90						1	1			
Northwood	E. C. Cogswell	Nov. 3, 1842.	55	63	118	10	1	11			3	3	4	2	6
Nottingham	Destitute		3	11	14				2		1	3			
Pittsfield	Jonathan Curtis		66	126	192	21	4	25	5			5	18		18
Raymond	John C. Page	Oct. 7, 1841.			145	22		22	3		6	9			
9	8				1174			77				46			32

Unsettled Ministers—Deerfield, Nathaniel Wells; Chichester, Josiah Carpenter; Northwood, Josiah Prentice.
Candidate—Alanson St. Clair.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Candia	Wm. Murdock	Dec. 1, 1841.	96	146	242		5				4	4		4	4
Chester	Jona. Clement	Oct. 13, 1830.			235		Last year's		report.						
" W. Par.	Samuel Ordway*														
Derry	Edw'd L. Parker				325		Last year's		report.						
" Village	Pliny B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837.			175		1				1			3	
Londonderry	T. G. Brainerd	Nov. 5, 1840.	71	161	232	4	3	7	6		5	11	1	23	24
Windham	Calvin Cutler	April 9, 1828	70	105	175	2		2			2			6	6
Hampstead	J. M. C. Burley	Oct. 1836.			100		2		2					4	
Pelham	Cyrus W. Allen†	Feb. 1, 1843.	31	73	104	1	9	10	1		2	3	1	4	5
Hudson	William Page*		31	47	78	2	9	11	1		1	2		1	1
Atkinson	Samuel Pierce														
Salem	W K Hayward*†				52		Last year's		report.						
12	12				1718			30				20			40

*Stated supply. †Not a member of the Association.
Unsettled Ministers——Hampstead, John Kelley; Windham, Samuel Harris; Salem, Jonas Fiske; Boyreot, N. A. Keys; New York City, Charles P. Russell.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION, 1842.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Alexandria	James Hobart		9	17	26										
Bridgewator			9	11	20										
Bristol	D. O. Morton		9	29	38										
Conway	John Wilde		34	83	117		1	1	1		1	2		1	
Campton	Charles Shedd				121		2	2							
Danbury	Daniel Pulsifer				40										
Effingham	James Doldt s s		15	26	41						2	2			
Hebron	Jas. Hobart s s		7	17	24										
Groton	Jas. Hobart s s		13	22	35										
Moultonboro'	Joshua Dodge		30	57	87	13	1	14			2	2	6	2	8
Ossipee	John S. Winter		39	59	98	18		18					7	6	13
Plymouth	Geo. Punchard		53	102	155		3	3	3	1	3	7		7	7
Sandwich So.	Otis Holmes		29	63	92	6	6	12		4	2	6	4	4	8
" No.			11	17	28										
Tamworth	Jeremiah Blake		82	164	246	27	6	33	5		2	7	21	4	25
Thornton	Sam'l Kingsbury		17	26	43										
Tuftonboro'	Joshua Dodge s s		10	22	32		2	2							
Wakefield	Nath'l Barker		19	46	65				1		2	3			
Wolfboro'	Jeremiah Blake		26	59	85	1	2	3			1	1		5	5
Wolfboro' N.	J. Blake, & Jas. Doldt stated sup.		22	39	61	16	7	21					11	4	15
Milton	Benj. G. Willey		22	80	102	19		19	1			1	16	5	21
21	19				1556			113				31			82

Unsettled Ministers——Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Andover and	Nathan Howard	May 24, 1843.	8	15	23	5	5	10					5		5
Wilmot	" "		8	14	22	3		3					2	7	9
Boscawen 1st	Caleb B. Tracy	Sept. 13, 1837.	102	178	280	68	14	82	9		6	15	16	6	22
" 2d	Edward Buxton	Dec. 12, 1837.	71	105	176	31		31	10	3	3	16	16	7	23
Bradford	Stephen Rogers	Dec. 20, 1838.	46	69	115	18	3	21		1	2	3	14	2	16
Bristol*	Daniel O. Morton	June 8, 1842.			78	14	27	41			1	1	10	2	12
Canterbury	Wm. Patrick														
Concord 1st	Nath'l Bouton	March 23, 1825.	74	201	275	55	6	61	3	1	2	6	27	6	33
" West	Asa P. Tenney	April 1833.	86	153	239	55	4	59	5		5	10	20	8	28
" South	Daniel J. Noyes														
" East	H. Freeman		26	67	93			43							
Franklin	Isaac Knight	Sept. 27, 1837.	96	66	92	12	3	15	4			4	4	2	6
Henniker	Eden B. Foster		68	129	197	7		7							
Hopkinton 1st	Moses Kimball	Dec. 13, 1837.	80	185	265	25	1	26	4	1	8	13	11	5	16
" 2d	David Kimball		3	9	12										
Loudon Vill.	E. K. Hawley s s														
Hill	John LeBosquet	April 26, 1843.	20	50	70	6	1	7			1	1	5	1	6
Pembroke	Ab'h'm Burnham	March 2, 1808.	44	138	182	2	1	3	15	1	1	17		6	6
Salisbury	Benj. F. Foster	Nov. 13 1833.			91			19							
Warner	James W. Perkins	March 18, 1840.	54	100	154	40	3	43	6		2	8	10	3	13
18	19				2374			457				94			196

*The Church in New-Hampton have become members of this Church.

Unsettled Ministers——Ebenezer Price, Boscawen West; Moses Sawyer, Boscawen East; Henry Wood, Benjamin P. Stone, Sylvester Dana, Concord; Walter Harris, D. D., Dunbarton.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Amherst					390	47	5	52	11		9			4	
Brookline	Daniel Goodwin		30	56	86		4	4			1	1		3	3
Hollis															
Mason	E. Hill & J. B. Hill		104	160	264	4	4	8	2	1	3	6	2		2
Merrimack 1C	Stephen T. Allen		37	77	114		3	3	1			1		1	1
" Ev.															
Milford	Abner B. Warner		102	183	285	6	9	15	4	5	6	15	1	2	3
Mount Vernon	Bezaleel Smith		60	132	192	2	4	6	3	1	2	6	1	1	2
Nashua 1 C'h.	M. H. Smith				417	60	17	77	18	6	2	26	32	6	38
" 2 "	Austin Richards				477	18	17	35	10		3	13		2	2
New-Ipswich	Samuel Lee		148	254	402	42	6	48	18	2	6	26	14	13	27
Pindge	A. W. Burnham		91	164	255	22	3	25	4		7	11	7	12	19
Temple	Leonard Jewet				120			2							
Wilton	Charles Whiting		49	75	124	9	1	10	1			1	7	2	9
14	12				3056			285				106			106

Unsettled Ministers——Humphrey Moore, Milford; Eli Smith, Hollis.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Colebrook	C.W.Richardson		40	80	120	5	1	6	1		2	3		2	2
Lancaster	David Perry		13	43	56	6	1	7			1	1		1	1
Dalton	Horace Wood		20	27	47	5	1	6			1	1	2	2	4
Whitefield	Horace Wood		10	16	26	1		1					1	5	6
4	3				249			20				5			13

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Alstead	Robert Crossett	1843.	30	64	94				11		1	12			
New Alstead	Moses Gerould	May 22, 1828.	53	90	143	2	1	3	2	2		4	1	2	3
Paper M. Vill.	D. Adams s s		13	24	37										
Chesterfield	Benj. E. Hale	Aug. 31, 1842.	19	62	81	19	5	24	1		3	4	14	11	25
Dublin	H. Kendall				44	2	1	3			2	2		7	7
Fitzwilliam	John Sabin	March 5, 1805.	71	140	211	3	1	4		1	3	4	2	5	7
Gilsum	James Tisdale s s		11	26	37	1	3	4	2		1	3		5	5
Hinsdale	O. S. Brown				138	6	3	9	2		4	6			
Jaffrey	J. D. Crosby and L. Ainsworth	Sept. 1837.	61	145	206	29	2	31					12	4	16
Keene	Z. S. Barstow	July 1, 1818.			984			37	12		9	21	7	17	24
Marlborough	Giles Lyman s s		31	71	102	28	2	30	3			3	6	3	11
Nelson	Daniel L. French	Nov. 4, 1841.	52	66	118	8	2	10	2		4	6	4	6	10
Harrisville	Otis C. Whiton	Aug. 11, 1842.	24	43	67		2	2	2			2			
Roxbury	Ezra Adams s s		16	27	43				4		1	5			
Stoddard	Isaac Robinson	Jan. 5, 1803.			65	1	2	3	2		2	4		5	5
Sullivan	Alanson Alvord	Feb. 23, 1840.	29	59	88	1	3	4	4		1	5			
Surry	Elihu Smith s s														
Swanzey	Elisha Rockwood	Nov. 15, 1836.	22	62	84	6		6	3		1	4	4	4	8
Troy	J. Pomeroy	Jan. 6, 1836.	27	57	84	13	2	15	2		4	6	6	2	8
Walpole	A. Jackson				115			13	5			5		4	4
Westmoreland	Geo. W. Ash		42	126	168			1	7	1	3	11			
Winchester	John Thompson	May 28, 1840.	50	155	205	34	2	36	2	2	2	6			
23	23				2214			205				113			139

Unsettled Ministers——G. Newell, Hosea Beckley, Silas Wilder, Josiah Peabody. Mr. Fuller, s. s. Acworth.
Candidates——Luther Townshend, Mr. Bellows.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Barrington			17	31	48		2	2		1	1	1		1	1
Brentwood	James Boutwell		25	54	79										
Dover	Jere. S. Young		91	316	407	50	3	53	12	10	10	32	35	10	45
Durham	Alvan Tobey		14	58	72	1		1	4	1		5	1		1
Epping	Calvin Chapman		10	31	41	6	12	18	1		1	2		4	4
Exeter 1st	Joy H. Fairchild		50	168	218										
" 2d	Isaac Hurd		24	75	99	2	21	23	3		1	4	1	2	3
Farmington			13	17	30	4		4					4		4
Great Falls	Samuel Bean		44	150	194	5	3	8	8	1	2	11	4	3	7
Greenland	Sam'l W. Clark		9	25	34				1		1	2	2	2	4
Hampton	E. D. Eldridge		75	136	211	46	2	48	2		1	3	15	12	27
Hampton Falls	Sereno T. Abbot		25	54	79	8	2	10	1		1	2	2	2	4
No. Hampton	Jonathan French		76	106	182	4		4	2		7	9	1	6	7
Kingston	Sam'l Mason s s		20	47	67				1		3	4			
Milton	Benj. G. Willey		34	65	99	5		5	2	1	2	5	5	1	6
Newmarket	Sewel N. Gresly				70		2	2	3	3	1	7		2	2
So. Newmarket	E. W. Tucker		6	13	19	10	1	11							
Newington	T. K. Miller s s		3	9	12						1	1			
New Castle	Jos. P. Tyler s s		7	18	25	12		12			1	1	8		8
Portsmouth	Rufus W. Clark				361			54	14		6	20	22	3	25
Rochester	John E. Farwell		14	89	103	8	1	9	4		2	8	7		7
Rye	Jas. T. McEwen		36	82	118	11		11	1		5	6		1	1
Stratham	W. J. Newman		18	44	62	12		12					9	3	12
28	21				2280			286				122			167

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Tot.
Lebanon	Phinehas Cooke	May 13, 1829.			210	2		2	2		6	8			
Lempster	S H. Tolman ss		50	37	87							3			
" 2dC.			22	25	47										
Meriden	Amos Blanchard	Jan. 8, 1840.													
Newport	John Woods	Jan. 28, 1824.	36	147	233	9	8	17	5		5	10	2	7	9
Washington															
Charlestown	J. DeF. Richards	May 28, 1841.	22	42	64				5			5	7	11	18
Cornish	Alva Spaulding	Oct. 1, 1835.			157	4	1	5	1	1	3	5		2	2
Dart. Col. Ch.	John Richards	April 20, 1842.			269										
Plainfield	Jacob Scales s s														
Goshen	Aaron Waitt s s														17
Acworth	R. W. Fuller s s				205	7	2	9	15						
Croydon	Joel Davis s s														
Claremont	R. F. Lawrence	Jan. 16, 1839.	80	146	226	5	6	11	5		7		3	13	16
Langdon	John Wood	April 8, 1840.	9	12	21					1					
15	13				1519			44				31			68

Licentiate——Mr. Alphonso Wood.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Tot.
Antrim	John M. Whiton				200	4	2	6	1		3	4			
Bennington	A. Manson		22	42	64	11	5	16					5	2	7
Greenfield	D. P. Smith s s		62	115	177		3	3	2		2	4		10	10
" 2dC.	B. Fowler														
Hancock	A. Burgess		92	154	246	7	3	10	2	5	6	13		6	6
Hillsboro' 1C.	Geo. W. Adams		50	70	120	4		4	2		4	6	1	4	5
" 2C.	I. Cumings														
Lyndeborough	Ivory Kimball		70	116	186	5	8	13	3		2	5		9	9
Peterborough	James R. French		66	113	179	5	6	11	1			1	4	6	10
Goffstown	Isaac Willey		60	90	150	2	1	3	8		2	10	1	3	4
Bedford	Thomas Savage		101	154	255	30	4	34	4	2	5	11	13	23	36
Manchester	C.W. Wallace		60	119	179	27	27	56	7		1	8	20	5	25
Deering	W Richardson		12	28	40	3		3	1			1	2	3	5
Francestown	Jona. M'Gee				447	Last year's report.									
14	14				2243			159				59			117

RECAPITULATION.

Belknap,	1368	Hopkinton,	2374	Piscataqua,	2520
Caledonia,	279	Hollis,	3056	Sullivan,	1519
Deerfield,	1174	Lancaster,	249	Union,	2243
Derry,	1718	Monadnock,	2214		
Harmony,	1556	Orange,	No report.		20,280

SCHEDULE,

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Monadnock, 4	Con. R.I.	Vt.	Mass.	Vt. R. I.	Mas. Me.	Con. Vt.	Vt.	Mas. Con	R.I. Me.
Hopkinton, 3	Me.	Con.	Vt.	R. I.	Vt.	Me.	R I. Con.	Mass.	Vt
Piscataqua, 3	Me.	Me.	Con.	Con.	R. I.	R.I. Mas.	Me.	Con.	Vt. R. I.
Union, 3	Vt.	Me.	Con.	Mass.	Con.	Vt.	Me.	R. I.	Con. Mas
Hollis, 2	Pres.	Con.		Mass.	Vt.		Mass.	Me.	
Harmony, 2		Pres.	Me.	Vt.		Mass.	Mass.	Vt.	
Derry, 2	R. I.	Vt.	Pres.	Me.		Me.	R. I.	Vt.	
Orange, 2	Mass.	R. I.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.	Vt.		Me.
Deerfield, 2	Mass.	R. I.	Mass.	Me.	Pres.		Con.	R. I.	
Sullivan, 2	Con.	Mass.	R. I.		Con.	Pres.		Me.	Mass.
Belknap, 2	Vt.	Mass.		Con.	Mass.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.
Caledonia, 1			Vt.		Me.			Pres.	
Lancaster, 1			Me.		R. I.				Pres.

Plan recommended by the General Association for Benevolent Contribntions.

Counties.	*Tracts.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Optional.*
Strafford	April & May	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.
Merrimack	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.	Apr. & May
Grafton & Coos	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.	April & May	June & July
Hillsborough	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug & Sept
Cheshire & Sul.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham	Feb. & Mch.	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

MINUTES

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General Association of New-Hampshire,

AT THEIR

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HELD IN CONCORD, AUGUST 27, 1844.

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CONCORD:
PRESS OF ASA McFARLAND, OPPOSITE THE STATE HOUSE.
1844.

than 900 congregations have enjoyed revivals; and hundreds were reported as favored with encouraging tokens of the Redeemer's presence."

From Massachusetts, we learn that more than 80 churches have been specially blest with revivals the past year. The report from the General Convention of Vermont, has also given great occasion for thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, for the manifestation of his gracious presence in that State. Nearly one fourth of the churches are reported as having enjoyed revivals, more or less powerful. There has been a net gain from last year of 692 members.

As the general results of the past year it may be stated that more than one fourth of all the Congregational and Presbyterian churches in this State; one fourth of the Congregational churches in Vermont; one-fifth of the same in Massachusetts and more than 400 congregations in the Presbyterian church, (Old School) have enjoyed special revivals of religion. Perhaps in no year since the settlement of our country has our American Zion been so extensively blessed.

In conclusion we would say, that while we are grateful for the mercies of God, that he has so generously blessed the churches of our own State as well as others represented inthisbody, let us look to him with a deeper sense of our own unworthiness, and seek, by prayer and humble supplication, still richer communications of His grace. The signs of our times call for deep and active piety. Whether we look at the Redeemer's cause in our own state, or take a wider range, there is the most earnest call for humble, persevering effort at the throne of grace. What need we, beloved Brethren! more than constant showers of the Holy Spirit to water and build up our churches?—"Paul may plant, and Apollas water," but what will it avail unless God give the increase?

In behalf of the Committee,

P. B. DAY

Nashua, Aug. 24, 1843.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd. Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Alton			3	6	9									
Barnstead	Enos George	Sept 26, 1804.	126	189	308	45		45	5	9	14	40	7	47
Centre Harbor	Almon Benson	Dec. 23, 1840.	18	29	47	9		9	2	2	4	7		7
Gilmanton C	Daniel Lancaster	Dec. 16, 1836.	72	104	176	8	7	15	1	4	5	2	2	4
" I.W.			34	97	131									
" 1st Ch			28	54	82									
Meredith Br.	John K. Young		56	133	189		2	2	5		5		5	5
" Vil.	Giles Leach	Nov. 23, 1842.	31	62	93	11	1	12	3*	2	5	8		8
Sandbornton	Ab'h'm Bodwell	Nov. 13, 1806.	59	114	173	11		11	4	3	7	6	1	7
" Br.	Cor. Curtice		55	104	160	8	1	9						
											*1 restored.			
10	8		483	865	1368	93	11	104			40			58

Without charge—Joseph Lane, Heman Rood, Aaron Warner, Isaac Bird, Charles Tenney

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd. Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Bethlehem	Edmund Burt	Jan. 13, 1841.	11	19	30	5	0	5	4	2	6	3	4	7
Franconia	Edmund Burt	Jan. 13, 1841.	10	20	30	1	1	2				1		1
Bath	E. Cleveland s s		22	69	91	2		2	2		2	2	1	3
Littleton	E. I. Carpenter	Dec. 13, 1842.	38	90	128	8	4	12	6	4	10	7	8	15
4	3				279			21			18			35

Rev. Drury Fairbanks, unsettled.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Chichester	Rufus A. Putnam	Aug. 29, 1832.	66	104	170		1	1	4		2	6		1	1
Deerfield	Eph. N. Hidden	Sept. 1, 1841.			140	2		2			5	5	1		1
Dunbarton	John M. Putnam		44	112	156	12	3	15			6	6	1		1
Epsom	Winthrop Fifield	May 10, 1837.	53	96	149		1	1	5	1	2	8		5	5
Loudon	Jona. Ayers s s		30	60	90						1	1			
Northwood	E. C. Cogswell	Nov. 3, 1842.	55	63	118	10	1	11			3	3	4	2	6
Nottingham	Destitute		3	11	14				2		1	3			
Pittsfield	Jonathan Curtis		66	126	192	21	4	25	5			5	18		18
Raymond	John C. Page	Oct. 7, 1841.			145	22		22	3		6	9			
9	8				1174			77				46			32

Unsettled Ministers—Deerfield, Nathaniel Wells; Chichester, Josiah Carpenter; Northwood, Josiah Prentice. Candidate—Alanson St. Clair.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd. Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Candia	Wm. Murdock	Dec. 1, 1841.	96	146	242		5				4 4		4	4
Chester	Jona. Clement	Oct. 13, 1830.			235	Last year's report.								
" W. Par.	Samuel Ordway*													
Derry	Edw'd L. Parker				325	Last year's report.								
" Village	Phin'y B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837.			175		1				1		3	
Londonderry	T. G. Brainerd	Nov. 5, 1840.	71	161	232	4	3	7	6		5	11	1 23	24
Windham	Calvin Cutler	April 9, 1828	70	105	175	2		2			2		6	6
Hampstead	J. M. C. Bartley	Oct. 1836.			100		2		2				4	
Pelham	Cyrus W. Allen†	Feb. 1, 1843.	31	73	104	1	9	10	1		2	3	1 4	5
Hudson	William Page*		31	47	78	2	9	11	1		1	2	1	1
Atkinson	Samuel Pierce													
Salem	W K Hayward*†				52	Last year's report.								
12	12				1718			30				20		40

*Stated supply. †Not a member of the Association.

Unsettled Ministers——Hampstead, John Kelley; Windham, Samuel Harris; Salem, Jonas Fiske; Boyrcot, N. A. Keye; New York City, Charles P. Russell.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

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Lebanon	Phinehas Cooke	May 13, 1829.			210	2		2	2		6	8			
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Manchester	C.W. Wallace		60	119	179	27	27	56	7		1	8	20	5	25
Deering	W Richardson		12	28	40	3		3	1			1	2	3	5
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Hopkinton,	3	Me.	Con.	Vt.	R. I.	Vt.	Me.	R I. Con.	Mass.	Vt
Piscataqua,	3	Me.	Me.	Con.	Con.	R. I.	R.I. Mas.	Me.	Con.	Vt. R. I.
Union,	3	Vt.	Me.	Con.	Mass.	Con.	Vt.	Me.	R. I.	Con. Mas
Hollis,	2	Pres.	Con.		Mass.	Vt.		Mass.	Me.	
Harmony,	2		Pres.	Me.	Vt.		Mass.	Mass.	Vt.	
Derry,	2	R. I.	Vt.	Pres.	Me.		Me.	R. I.	Vt.	
Orange,	2	Mass.	R. I.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.	Vt.		Me.
Deerfield,	2	Mass.	R. I.	Mass.	Me.	Pres.		Con.	R. I.	
Sullivan,	2	Con.	Mass.	R. I.		Con.	Pres.		Me.	Mass.
Belknap,	2	Vt.	Mass.		Con.	Mass.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.
Caledonia,	1			Vt.		Me.			Pres.	
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afton & Coos	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.	April & May	June & July
sborough	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug & Sept
hire & Sul.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
kingham	Feb. & Mch.	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

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HARMONY ASSOCIATION, 1842.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Tot.
Alexandria	James Hobart		9	17	26										
Bridgewator			9	11	20										
Bristol	D. O. Morton		9	29	38										
Conway	John Wilde		34	83	117		1	1	1		1	2		1	
Campton	Charles Shedd				121		2	2							
Danbury	Daniel Pulsifer				40										
Effingham	James Doldt s s		15	26	41						2	2			
Hebron	Jas. Hobart s s		7	17	24										
Groton	Jas. Hobart s s		13	22	35										
Moultonboro'	Joshua Dodge		30	57	87	13	1	14			2	2	6	2	8
Ossipee	John S. Winter		39	59	98	18		18					7	6	13
Plymouth	Geo. Punchard		53	102	155		3	3	3	1	3	7		7	7
Sandwich So.	Otis Holmes		29	63	92	6	6	12		4	2	6	4	4	8
" No.			11	17	28										
Tamworth	Jeremiah Blake		89	164	246	27	6	33	5		2	7	21	4	25
Thornton	Sam'l Kingsbury		17	26	43										
Tuftonboro'	Joshua Dodge s s		10	22	32		2	2							
Wakefield	Nath'l Barker		19	46	65				1		2	3			
Wolfboro'	Jeremiah Blake		26	59	85	1	2	3			1	1		5	5
Wolfboro' N.	J. Blake, & Jas. Doldt stated sup.		22	39	61	16	7	21					11	4	15
Milton	Benj. G. Willey		22	80	102	19		19	1			1	16	5	21
21	19				1556			113				31			82

Unsettled Ministers——Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Tot.
Andover and Willmot	Nathan Howard " "	May 24, 1843.	8 8	15 14	23 22	5 3	5	10 3					5 2	7	5 9
Boscawen 1st	Caleb B. Tracy	Sept. 13, 1837.	102	178	280	68	14	82	9		6	15	16	6	22
" 2d	Edward Buxton	Dec. 12, 1837.	71	105	176	31		31	10	3	3	16	16	7	23
Bradford	Stephen Rogers	Dec. 20, 1838.	46	69	115	18	3	21		1	2	3	14	2	16
Bristol*	Daniel O. Morton	June 8, 1842.			78	14	27	41			1	1	10	2	12
Canterbury	Wm. Patrick														
Concord 1st	Nath'l Bouton	March 23, 1825.	74	201	275	55	6	61	3	1	2	6	27	6	33
" West	Asa P. Tenney	April 1833.	86	153	239	55	4	59	5		5	10	20	8	28
" South	Daniel J. Noyes														
" East	H. Freeman		26	67	93			43							
Franklin	Isaac Knight	Sept. 27, 1837.	96	66	92	12	3	15	4			4	4	2	6
Henniker	Eden B. Foster		68	129	197	7		7							
Hopkinton 1st	Moses Kimball	Dec. 13, 1837.	80	185	265	25	1	26	4	1	8	13	11	5	16
" 2d	David Kimball		3	9	12										
Loudon Vill.	E. K. Hawley s s														
Hill	John LeBosquet	April 26, 1843.	20	50	70	6	1	7			1	1	5	1	6
Pembroke	Ab'h'm Burnham	March 2, 1808.	44	138	182	2	1	3	15	1	1	17		6	6
Salisbury	Benj. F. Foster	Nov. 13 1833.			91			19							
Warner	James W. Perkins	March 18, 1840.	54	100	154	40	3	43	6		2	8	10	3	13
18	19				2374			457				94			195

*The Church in New-Hampton have become members of this Church.

Unsettled Ministers——Ebenezer Price, Boscawen West; Moses Sawyer, Boscawen East; Henry Wood, Benjamin P. Stone, Sylvester Dana, Concord; Walter Harris, D. D., Dunbarton.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Tot.
Amherst					330	47	5	52	11		9			4	
Brookline	Daniel Goodwin		30	56	86		4	4			1	1		3	3
Hollis															
Mason	E. Hill & J. B. Hill		104	160	264	4	4	8	2	1	3	6	2		2
Merrimack 1C	Stephen T. Allen		37	77	114		3	3	1			1		1	1
" Ev.															
Milford	Abner B. Warner		102	183	285	6	9	15	4	5	6	15	1	2	3
Mont Vernon	Bezaleel Smith		60	132	192	2	4	6	3	1	2	6	1	1	2
Nashua 1 C'h.	M. H. Smith				417	60	17	77	18	6	2	26	33	6	39
" 2 "	Austin Richards				477	18	17	35	10		3	13		2	2
New-Ipswich	Samuel Lee		148	254	402	43	6	43	18	2	6	26	14	13	27
Pledge	A. W. Burnham		91	164	255	22	3	25	4		7	11	7	12	19
Temple	Leonard Jewet				120			2							
Wilton	Charles Whiting		49	75	124	9	1	10	1			1	7	2	9
14	12				3056			985				106			106

Unsettled Ministers——Humphrey Moore, Milford; Eli Smith, Hollis.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Colebrook	C.W.Richardson		40	80	120	5	1	6	1		2	3		2	2
Lancaster	David Perry		13	43	56	6	1	7			1	1		1	1
Dalton	Horace Wood		20	27	47	5	1	6			1	1	2	2	4
Whitefield	Horace Wood		10	16	26	1		1					1	5	6
4	3				249			20				5			13

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Alstead	Robert Crossett	1843.	30	64	94				11		1	12			
New Alstead	Moses Gerould	May 22, 1838.	53	90	143	2	1	3	2	2		4	1	2	3
Paper M.Vill.	D. Adams s s		13	24	37										
Chesterfield	Benj. E. Hale	Aug. 31, 1842.	19	62	81	19	5	24	1		2	4	14	11	25
Dublin	H. Kendall				44	2	1	3			2	2		7	7
Fitzwilliam	John Sabin	March 5, 1805.	71	140	211	3	1	4		1	3	4	2	5	7
Gilsum	James Tisdale s s		11	26	37	1	3	4	2		1	3		5	5
Hinsdale	B. S. Brown				138	6	3	9	2		4	6			
Jaffrey	J. D. Crosby and L. Ainsworth	Sept. 1837.	61	145	206	29	2	31					12	4	16
Keene	Z. S. Barstow	July 1, 1818.			984			37	12		9	21	7	17	24
Marlborough	Giles Lyman s s		31	71	102	28	2	30	3			3	8	3	11
Nelson	Daniel L. French	Nov. 4, 1841.	52	66	118	8	2	10	2		4	6	4	6	10
Harrisville	Otis C. Whiton	Aug. 11, 1842.	24	43	67		2	2	2			2			
Roxbury	Ezra Adams s s		16	27	43				4		1	5			
Stoddard	Isaac Robinson	Jan. 5, 1803.			65	1	2	3	2		2	4		5	5
Sullivan	Alanson Alvord	Feb. 23, 1840.	29	59	88	1	3	4	4		1	5			
Surry	Elihu Smith s s														
Swanzey	Elisha Rockwood	Nov. 15, 1836.	22	62	84	6		6	3		1	4	4	4	8
Troy	J. Pomeroy	Jan. 6, 1836.	27	57	84	13	2	15	2		4	6	5	3	8
Walpole	A. Jackson				115			13	5			5		4	4
Westmoreland	Geo. W. Ash		42	126	168			1	7	1	3	11			
Winchester	John Thompson	May 28, 1840.	50	155	205	34	2	36	2	2	2	6			
23	23				2214			205				113			139

Unsettled Ministers——G. Newell, Hosea Beckley, Silas Wilder, Josiah Peabody. Mr. Fuller, s. s. Acworth.
Candidates——Luther Townsend, Mr. Bellows.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Barrington			17	31	48		2	2		1	1	1		1	1
Brentwood	James Boutwell		25	54	79										
Dover	Jere. S. Young		91	316	407	50	3	53	12	10	10	32	35	10	45
Durham	Alvan Tobey		14	58	72	1		1	4	1		5	1		1
Epping	Calvin Chapman		10	31	41	6	12	18	1		1	2		4	4
Exeter 1st	Joy H. Fairchild		50	168	218										
" 2d	Isaac Hurd		24	75	99	2	21	23	3		1	4	1	2	3
Farmington			13	17	30	4		4					4		4
Great Falls	Samuel Bean		44	150	194	5	3	8	8	1	2	11	4	3	7
Greenland	Sam'l W. Clark		9	25	34				1		1	2	2	2	4
Hampton	E. D. Eldridge		75	136	211	46	2	48	2		1	3	15	12	27
Hampton Falls	Sereno T. Abbot		25	54	79	8	2	10	1		1	2	2	2	4
No. Hampton	Jonathan French		76	106	182	4		4	2		7	9	1	6	7
Kingston	Sam'l Mason s s		20	47	67				1		3	4			
Milton	Benj. G. Willey		34	65	99	5		5	2	1	2	5	5	1	6
Newmarket	Sewel N. Greely				70		2	2	3	3	1	7		2	2
So. Newmarket	E. W. Tucker		6	13	19	10	1	11							
Newington	T. K. Miller s s		3	9	12						1	1			
New Castle	Jos. P. Tyler s s		7	18	25	12		12			1	1	8		8
Portsmouth	Rufus W. Clark				361			54	14		6	20	22	8	25
Rochester	John E. Farwell		14	89	103	8	1	9	4		2	6	7		7
Rye	Jas. T. McEwen		36	82	118	11		11	1		5	6		1	1
Stratham	W. J. Newman		18	44	62	12		12					9	3	12
22	21				2380			296				122			167

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot	Additions. Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Tot.
Lebanon	Phinehas Cooke	May 13, 1829.			210	2		2	2		6	8			
Lempster	S H. Tolman ss		50	37	87							3			
" 2dC.			22	25	47										
Meriden	Amos Blanchard	Jan. 8, 1840.													
Newport	John Woods	Jan. 28, 1824.	36	147	233	9	8	17	5		5	10	2	7	9
Washington															
Charlestown	J. DeF. Richards	May 28, 1841.	22	42	64				5			5	7	11	18
Cornish	Alva Spaulding	Oct. 1, 1835.			157	4	1	5	1	1	3	5		2	2
Dart. Col. Ch.	John Richards	April 20, 1842.			269										
Plainfield	Jacob Scales s s														
Goshen	Aaron Waitt s s														17
Acworth	R. W. Fuller s s				205	7	2	9	15						
Croydon	Joel Davis s s														
Claremont	R. F. Lawrence	Jan. 16, 1839.	80	146	226	5	6	11	5		7		3	13	16
Langdon	John Wood	April 8, 1840.	9	12	21					1					
15	13				1519			44				31			62

Licentiate——Mr. Alphonso Wood.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Tot.
Antrim	John M. Whiton				200	4	2	6	1		3	4			
Bennington	A. Manson		22	42	64	11	5	16					5	2	7
Greenfield	D. P. Smith s s		62	115	177		3	3	2		2	4		10	10
" 2dC.	B. Fowler														
Hancock	A. Burgess		92	154	246	7	3	10	2	5	6	13		6	6
Hillsboro' 1C.	Geo. W. Adams		50	70	120	4		4	2		4	6	1	4	5
" 2C.	I. Cumings														
Lyndeborough	Ivory Kimball		70	116	186	5	8	13	3		2	5		9	9
Peterborough	James R. French		66	113	179	5	6	11	1			1	4	6	10
Goffstown	Isaac Willey		60	90	150	2	1	3	8		2	10	1	3	4
Bedford	Thomas Savage		101	154	255	30	4	34	4	2	5	11	13	23	36
Manchester	C.W. Wallace		60	119	179	27	27	56	7		1	8	20	5	25
Deering	W Richardson		12	28	40	3		3	1			1	2	3	5
Francestown	Jona. M'Gee				447	Last year's report.									
14	14				2243			159				59			117

RECAPITULATION.

Belknap,	1368	Hopkinton,	2374	Piscataqua,	2520
Caledonia,	279	Hollis,	3056	Sullivan,	1519
Deerfield,	1174	Lancaster,	249	Union,	2243
Derry,	1718	Monadnock,	2214		
Harmony,	1556	Orange,	No report.		20,280

SCHEDULE,

According to which Delegates to Foreign Bodies are nominated by the District Associations, in proportion to their representation in the General Association.

No. Del. to G. A.	4	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.
Monadnock,	4	Con. R.I.	Vt.	Mass.	Vt. R. I.	Mas. Me.	Con. Vt.	Vt.	Mas. Con	R.I. Me.
Hopkinton,	3	Me.	Con.	Vt.	R. I.	Vt.	Me.	R I. Con.	Mass.	Vt.
Piscataqua,	3	Me.	Me.	Con.	Con.	R. I.	R.I. Mas.	Me.	Con.	Vt. R. I.
Union,	3	Vt.	Me.	Con.	Mass.	Con.	Vt.	Me.	R. I.	Con. Mas
Hollis,	2	Pres.	Con.		Mass.	Vt.		Mass.	Me.	
Harmony,	2		Pres.	Me.	Vt.		Mass.	Mass.	Vt.	
Derry,	2	R. I.	Vt.	Pres.	Me.		Me.	R. I.	Vt.	
Orange,	2	Mass.	R. I.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.	Vt.		Me.
Deerfield,	2	Mass.	R. I.	Mass.	Me.	Pres.		Con.	R. I.	
Sullivan,	2	Con.	Mass.	R. I.		Con.	Pres.		Me.	Mass.
Belknap,	2	Vt.	Mass.		Con.	Mass.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.
Caledonia,	1			Vt.		Me.			Pres.	
Lancaster,	1			Me.		R. I.				Pres.

Plan recommended by the General Association for Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tracts.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Optional.*
Strafford	April & May	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.
Merrimack	June & July	August & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.	Apr. & May
Grafton & Coos	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.	April & May	June & July
Hillsborough	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug & Sept
shire & Sul.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
ingham	Feb. & Mch.	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

be prized than as many thousands added as the fruits of fanaticism and wild extravagance. "Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?"

Several associations report individual cases of hopeful conversion the past year In Francestown and Deering, revivals to some extent have been enjoyed, by which more than 30 have been added to the churches, and others, having hope, yet remain to be gathered in. In the academy at Meriden, also, there has been a short season of unusual attention to religion, by which 8 or 10 were led to cherish hopes of salvation. The general interests of this important institution, founded in Christian charity, and affording constant aid to from 12 to 20 indigent young men, having the ministry in view; and of Dartmouth College, also, continue to be highly prosperous.

The Theological Seminary at Gilmanton, having undergone some important changes during the past year, seems to be awakening a new interest. Six young men at the last anniversary completed their course of study, and are now laboring in the gospel vineyard. The prospects of the Seminary are encouraging: and with the patronage and prayers of the pastors and churches of New-Hampshire, and the blessing of heaven, it may be expected to prove instrumental of great good to the state and to Zion.

Sabbath schools are represented as being generally prosperous—public worship on the Sabbath as being well attended—the cause of temperance as steadily advancing, and the churches, though some of them assailed with new forms of error and fanaticism from without, as being steadfast in the faith and enjoying peace and quietness among themselves.

On this occasion we welcome most cordially the delegates from foreign bodies who have come to mingle their sympathies and prayers with ours. Although they bring not so good tidings as in some former years, we rejoice to meet them and hear of their welfare.

The delegate from the General Association of New York reports from 140 to 150 churches connected with that body, nearly 130 ministers and licentiates, and about 10·000 communicants. These, however, do not embody all the Congregationalism of New-York. There are churches and associations, he says, which have not yet identified themselves with the General Association. "A goodly number of the churches have experienced blessed refreshings from the presence of the Lord." "There is a stability, a doctrinal soundness, an increasing affection gradually developing among the churches and ministers which betoken cheering things in the future." "We are not strong in numbers, or in wealth, but we humbly feel strong in the Lord." "With sling and stone we go out undaunted against the champions who defy the God of Israel."

The delegate from Vermont reports 12 district associations in that state, embracing 203 churches, 94 of which have settled pastors, and 61 stated supplies: 41 are destitute. The present number of communicants is 21·200. No copious or extensive effusions of the

Holy Ghost have been enjoyed. "The benevolent enterprises of the day have a strong hold on the affections of the churches, and contributions have been unexpectedly liberal." An increasing interest is felt in maintaining the great doctrines of the gospel. Churches are becoming more stable and less given to change. The advantages of a permanent ministry are becoming more and more apparent.

The delegate from Connecticut reports no extensive work of grace in that state the past year. Divine influences to some extent have descended on many places and sinners been converted, saints edified and the churches strengthened. Yale College has experienced refreshings from the presence of the Lord, and about 25 are the hopeful subjects of renewing grace.

The delegate from Massachusetts, after referring to evils which exist in the churches in that state, says, "Peace has been extended to us as a river. The churches have been gathering in and enjoying the fruits of those revivals which they experienced a year ago. The multitudes who were converted to God in those times of refreshing, have thus far proved steadfast and unmovable; they have walked in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. From every section of the commonwealth most animating intelligence comes up respecting the progress of temperance."

The delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church reports more than 12·000 as having been added to their body the past year, making the whole number now in communion 166·400. The whole number of ordained ministers is 1523, and 200 licentiates. The number of churches reported is 2150; 500 of which are destitute of the stated preaching of God's word, most of them in the great valley of the west. More than 500 young men are under the patronage of the Board of Education.

On a review of the whole, we see no cause why any of the sons of Zion should let their harps hang upon the willows a moment longer. With the instituted means of grace New-Hampshire has not, for many years, if ever, been better supplied than it is at this day. What is wanted is the accompanying influences of the Holy Spirit to give the word success. To secure this blessing, let the trumpet be blown in Zion and solemn assemblies be called;—let the people be gathered, the elders assembled, and the congregations sanctified. Let the priest, the minister of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let every one who can breathe the breath of prayer before God, resolve, that for Zion's sake he will not hold his peace, and for Jerusalem's sake he will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. So God, even our own God, shall bless us, and we be no more termed, Forsaken, nor our land, Desolate; but our sons grow up as plants, and our daughters as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

J. Woods, *for the Committee.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Alton,															
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	126	189	308										
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	19	31	50		3	3							
Gilmanton Centre	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	70	100	170		3	3	3		3	6		4	4
" Iron Wks.,	Rufus Childs, s s		44	85	129				2			2			
" 1st ch.	Elias Chapman, s s		29	46	75	1		1					1		1
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	59	138	197	8	7	15	6	1	1	8	8	5	13
" Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	26	56	82	2		2	5	2	4	11	1	2	3
Sandbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	63	116	179	5	3	8		2		2	4	4	8
Total, 9	8		436	761	1140	16	16	32	16	5	8	29	14	15	29

Without Charge.—Rev. William Cogswell, D. D., Rev. Isaac Bird, Rev. Joseph Lane, Rev. Aaron Warner, Rev. Heman Rood, Rev. Charles Tenney.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Bath,	Edward Cleveland,	Stated supply.	28	67	95		8	8	4		1	5		1	1
Littleton,	E. I. Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	37	87	124	2	2	4	7		1	8	1	2	3
Bethlehem,	Edmund Burt,		12	20	32		2	2			1	1		1	1
Franconia,	Edmund Burt,	Jan. 13, 1841.	9	20	29		1	1	1		1	2		1	1
Total, 4	4		86	194	289	2	13	15	12		4	16	1	5	6

Rev. D. Fairbank, unsettled.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Chichester,	Destitute.		62	102	164		1	1		1	8	9			
Deerfield,	Eph. N. Hidden.	Sept. 1, 1841.													
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam.	July 6, 1830.	43	112	155	2	2	4	3		2	5	1	5	6
Epsom,	Winthrop Fifield.	May 10, 1837.	52	93	145				2		2	4		3	3
Loudon,	Destitute.														
Northwood,	E. C. Cogswell.	Nov. 3, 1842.	51	63	114		2	2	1	4		5		3	3
Nottingham,	Destitute.														
Pittsfield,	Jona. Curtis.	October, 1834.	65	124	189	1	2	3	3		1	4		3	3
Raymond,	John C. Page.	Oct. 7, 1841.			136		3	3	7	1	2	10		4	4
					903			13				38			

Unsettled Ministers.—**Deerfield, Nath'l Wells; Chichester, Josiah Carpenter; Northwood, Josiah Prentice; Cornish, Rufus A. Putnam.** ***Candidate.***—**Joseph Ayers.**

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Alton,															
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	126	189	308										
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	19	31	50		3	3							
Gilmanton Centre	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	70	100	170		3	3	3		3	6		4	4
" Iron Wks.,	Rufus Childs, s s		44	85	129				2			2			
" 1st ch.	Elias Chapman, s s		29	46	75	1		1					1		1
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	59	138	197	8	7	15	6	1	1	8	8	5	13
" Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	26	56	82	2		2	5	2	4	11	1	2	3
Sandbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	63	116	179	5	3	8		2		2	4	4	8
Total, 9	8		436	761	1140	16	16	32	16	5	8	29	14	15	29

Without Charge.—Rev. William Cogswell, D. D., Rev. Isaac Bird, Rev. Joseph Lane, Rev. Aaron Warner, Rev. Heman Rood, Rev. Charles Tenney.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
	Edward Cleveland,	Stated supply.	28	67	95		8	8	4		1	5		1	1
ton,	E. I. Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	37	87	124	2	2	4	7		1	8	1	2	3
sham,	Edmund Burt,		12	20	32		2	2			1	1		1	1
,	Edmund Burt,	Jan. 13, 1841.	9	20	29		1	1	1		1	2		1	1
	4		86	194	289	2	13	15	12		4	16	1	5	6

v. D. Fairbank, unsettled.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
ester,	Destitute.		62	102	164		1	1		1	8	9			
field,	Eph. N. Hidden.	Sept. 1, 1841.													
barium,	John M. Putnam.	July 6, 1830.	43	112	155	2	2	4	3		2	5	1	5	6
	Winthrop Fifield.	May 10, 1837.	52	93	145				2		2	4		3	3
	Destitute														
	[illegible] Cogswell	Nov. 3, 1842.	51	63	114		2	2	1	4		5		3	3
	Destitute														
	[illegible]	[illegible], 1834.	65	124	189	1	2	3	3		1	4		3	3
		[illegible], 1841			136		3	3	7	1	2	10		4	4
					103			13				38			

Unsettled Ministers: Deerfield, Nath'l Wells; Chesterfield, Josiah Carpenter; Northwood, Josiah Prentice; Cornish, Rufus A. Putnam; Candidate, Joseph Ayers.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
1st Ch. Derry Vill.	P. B. Day.	Oct. 4, 1837.	49	102	151				16		5	21		6	6
Candia,	Wm. Murdock.	Dec. 1, 1841.	100	156	256	15	2	17	2		1	3	7	4	11
Chester,	Jona. Clement.	Oct. 13, 1830.			234	2		2	4		7	11			
" West Parish.	Samuel Ordway.	Stated supply.													
Derry,	Edward L. Parker.	Sept. 12, 1810.			325										
Londonderry,	T. G. Brainard.	Nov. 5, 1840.	68	159	227				1	1	3	5		6	6
Windham,	*Pastor deceased.*		70	105	175	L'st y's report.									
Salem,	Wm. H. Hayward.	Stated supply.	19	26	45						2	2		1	
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley.	Oct. 1836.			100	"	"	"							
Pelham,	Cyrus W. Allen.	Feb. 1, 1843.			104	"	"	"							
Hudson,	William Page.	Aug. 14, 1844.	30	39	69	1	2	3			2	2		4	4
Atkinson,	*Pastor deceased.*														
					1686			22				54			

Unsettled Ministers.—Hampstead, John Kelley; Windham, Samuel Harris; Beyroot, N. A. Keys; Greenfield, Mass., Charles P. Russell; Maine, Jonas Fiske.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Conway,	John Wilde,														
Campton,	Charles Shedd,					1	6	7			3	3	1	5	6
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,		25	55	80	1		1	1	2	3	6	1	2	3
Ossipee,	John M. Winter,				95						1	1		2	2
Plymouth,	Vacant.				142	1		1	6		1	7		7	7
Sandwich, North,	Vacant.														
Sandwich, First,	Otis Holmes,		30	60	90	2	2	4	4		3	7	2	16	18
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,		80	156	236	1	3	4	7	3		10	1	2	3
Tuftonborough,	John S. Winter,		12	22	34	3	1	4					1	2	3
Thornton,	William Gale,		17	25	42										
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker.														
Wolfborough Br'ge,	Jeffries Hall,		22	50	72	1		1			3	3	1		1
Wolfborough North	James Doldt,		28	40	68		4	4							
			214	318	661	10	16	26	18	5	14	37	7	36	43

Rev. Mr. Banfield, and Samuel Kingsbury, unsettled. Mr. Daniel Forbes, candidate.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Andover, and	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	8	16	24	2	1	3	2			2	1		1
Wilmot,	" "		10	15	25	3		3					3		3
Boscawen 1st,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.	102	173	275	8	3	11	10		6	16	3	9	12
" 2d,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	66	108	174	2	4	6	6		4	10	2	13	15
Bradford,	Stephen Rogers,	Dec. 20, 1838.	44	75	119	4		4	2	2	3	7			
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.	25	55	80	4	12	16			1	1			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	58	100	158				1	6	3	10		4	4
Concord, 1st,	Nath'l Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	71	200	271	2	11	13	15		2	17			
" West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April, 1833.	81	151	232		2	2	6	1	2	9		5	5
" South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.			200	1	14	15	7	2	1	10		5	5
" East,	Hiram Freeman,	Nov. 1843.			112	9	10	19	2			2	5	1	6
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	27	75	102		10	10	2		2	4			
Henniker,	Eden B. Foster,	Oct. 12, 1841.	75	140	215	21	3	24	5		4	9	7	12	19
Hopkinton, 1st,	Moses Kimball,	Nov. 7, 1834.	76	191	267	9	7	16	10		4	14	5	19	24
2d,	David Kimball,	Dec. 15, 1837.													
Loudon Village,	Ezekiel Dow, s s														
Hill,	John Le Bosquet,	April 26, 1843.	18	53	71	2	3	5	3	1	1	5	2	3	5
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	45	138	183	3	3	6	4		2	6	1	6	7
Sandbornton B'dge,	Corban Curtice,	1843.	53	97	150	3	1	4	5		2	7	3	15	18
and Northfield,	" "														
Salisbury,	Benj. F. Foster,	Nov. 13, 1833.			93	3	1	4	2		1	3	1	4	5
Warner,	James W. Perkins,	March 18, 1840.	54	100	154	2	2	4	susp'd 1		2	3	2	4	6
20	19				2705	75	87	165	72	12	40	128	35	100	135

Rev. William Patrick was dismissed from the pastoral care of the church in Canterbury, Nov. 22, 1843, and Rev. Howard Moody was ordained at the same time. Rev. Walter Harris, D. D., died Dec. 23, 1843.

Unsettled Ministers.—Ebenezer Price, West Boscawen; William Patrick, Canterbury, and Benjamin P. Stone, Concord.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total
Amherst,															
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	29	50	85	1	1	2						5	5
Hollis,	James Aiken,	Aug. 31, 1843.			250		4	4	1		3	4		2	2
Mason,	E. Hill & J. B. Hill,	Nov.1790,1841.	102	150	252	1		1	2		1	3		3	3
Merrimack,	S. T. Allen,	May 23, 1839.	34	72	106		5	5	13	1		14		4	4
" Evan. ch.	J. W. Shepard,	March 7, 1844.	15	30	45				1		1	2			
Milford,	A. B. Warner,	Feb. 7, 1831.	100	178	278		4	4	4		7	11			
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841.	57	128	185				2		6	8		3	3
1st chh. in Nashua,	M. H. Smith,				443	11	13	24	20	5		25	8	6	14
1st ch. in N. Vil'ge.	A. Richards,				477										
New Ipswich,	S. Lee,	May 5, 1836.	145	248	393	4	1	5	11	2	6	19		3	3
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	91	168	259	1	5	6	3		2	5		11	11
Temple,	Walter Follet,	July 25, 1844.			120									3	3
Wilton,	Charles Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843.	48	75	123		3	3	2		2	3		2	2
					2289	18	32	50	57	8	24	89	8	40	48

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Eli Smith, Hollis; Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis; and one licentiate, Mr. John P. Perry, New-Ipswich.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Colebrook,	C. W. Richardson,					2		2		1	1	2		2	2
Lancaster,	Daniel Perry,	June 7, 1843.	15	61	76	4	21	25			1	1	2	4	6
Dalton,	H. Woods,	July 10, 1839.	20	28	48	1		1						1	1
Whitefield,			10	16	26										
			45	105	150	7	21	28		1	2	3	2	7	9

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Infts.	Total.
Alstead,	Robert Crosset,	April, 1843.	32	65	97	2	4	6	3			3	2	4	6
New Alstead,	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828.	52	80	132		1	1		1	2	3			12
Paper Mill Vill'ge.	Darwin Adams, s s		14	31	45		8	8						1	1
Chesterfield,	Benjamin E. Hale,	Aug. 31, 1842.	19	63	82	1		1	1			1		1	1
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall,		13	34	47	1	2	3	1			1		2	2
Fitzwilliam,	John Sabin,	March 5, 1805.	70	136	206	1	2	3					1	5	6
Gilsum,	James Tisdale, s s		11	23	34	1	1	2	3		1	4		2	2
Harrisville,	Otis C. Whiton,	Aug. 11, 1842.	22	42	64		1	1		3	1	4		1	1
Hinsdale,					113				9	4		13			
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, L. Townsend, s s		42	113	155	2		2	2	12	6	20		3	3
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	75	228	303			21					8	24	32
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman, s s		29	68	97		2	2							
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1841.	47	67	114		1	1			5	5		2	2
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams, s s		16	25	41		1	1						3	3
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson,	Jan. 5, 1803.			66										
Sullivan,	Spencer S. Clark, s s		28	57	85		2	2	1	2	1	4		5	5
Surry,	Elihu Smith, s s		5	25	30									1	1
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Nov. 15, 1836.	23	61	84		4	4	2		2	4		1	1
Troy,			23	61	84						1	1		4	4
Walpole,	Abraham Jackson,				115		8	8	3		2	5	1	2	3
Westmoreland,	George W. Ash,	Oct. 25, 1843.			158		1	1			8	8			
Winchester,	John Thompson,	May 28, 1840.	50	165	215	6	8	14	2		3	5			
Total, 22	21				2367	14	46	81				83			85

During the past year three pastors have been dismissed, viz: Rev. Messrs Pomeroy, Brown and Crosby; and one has been settled. Ministers without charge besides the above named, within the bounds of the association, Gad Newell, Silas Wilder, Josiah Peabody.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION—No Report.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Barrington,	T. Wells, s s		19	36	55	4		4					3	3	6
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,		24	53	77	1		1			2	2	1	2	3
Dover,			86	299	385				16	1	2	19		6	6
Durham,	Alvan Toby,		†14	58	72										
Epping,	Calvin Chapman,		10	33	43		1	1	1		2	3		1	1
Exeter, 1st,			†50	168	218										
" 2d,	Isaac Hurd,		†24	75	99										
Great Falls,			44	150	194										
Greenland,	Sam'l W. Clark,		11	27	38				1			1		1	1
Hampton,	E. D. Eldridge,		75	133	208	1		1	3		1	4	1	11	12
Kingston,	Samuel Mason, s s		24	57	81	6	9	15	1		1	2	4	5	9
Milton,	Benj. G. Willey,		36	66	102	2	1	3	2		2	4	2	6	8
Newmarket,	S. S. N. Greeley,		35	63	98										
South Newmarket,	E. W. Tucker,		13	20	33	3		3			1	1	1		1
New Castle,	James P. Tyler, s s		9	24	33	5	2	7			2	2			
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,		76	100	176				3		3	6		3	3
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clarke,		†		361										
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,		15	89	104	3		3	3			3	3	1	4
Rye, [ton Falls.	James F. McEwen,		37	81	118						2	2			
Seabrook & Hamp-	Sereno T. Abbott,		30	55	85	7	1	8	3			3	3	9	12
Stratham,	W. J. Newman,		18	44	62		1	1						7	7
Farmington,			†13	17	30										
Newington,			2	8	10						2	2			
23	18				2682			47				52			

Unsettled Ministers.—Jonathan Ward, Brentwood, and T. H. Miller, Portsmouth. *Candidates.*—Elisha T. Rowe and A. M. Payson, Kingston.

† From the report of 1843.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Acworth,	R. W. Fuller, s s				207	10	1	11	4	1	4	9	3	7	10
Charlestown,	J. D. F. Richards,	May 28, 1841.	23	49	72	1	2	3			1	1	1	3	4
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	77	140	217		4	4	5	2	5	12		13	13
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	52	67	119				3		3	6			
Croydon,	J. Hazen & J. Davis, s s	1788.													
Dartmouth College,	John Richards,	April 20, 1842.			264		5	5	7		3	10		3	3
Enfield,	Benj. Burge,		14	16	30									2	2
Goshen,	Aaron Waitt, Jr., s s														
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 8, 1840.	13	21	34	4		4	2		1	3	3	6	9
Lebanon,	Phinehas Cooke,	May 13, 1829.	74	133	207	8	2	10	2		6	8	3	5	8
Lempster,	Daniel Sawyer, s s		35	50	85		2	2	5		2	7		1	1
" 2d ch.			19	23	42				4		1	5			
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	21	51	72	2	3	5	2		2	4		4	4
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1834.	88	145	233	7	4	11	8		3	11	2	11	13
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales, s s		9	28	37	1	1	2	2		1	3		2	2
Unity,			5	7	12										
Washington,															
17	15				974			34				51			50

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Antrim,	J. M. Whiton,		67	134	201	1	7	8			2	2		2	2
Bedford,	Thomas Savage,		100	150	250	3		3	4		5	9		6	6
Bennington,	Albert Manson,		24	45	69	2	5	7			2	2	1	5	6
Deering,	Wm. Richardson,		18	36	54	16	1	17			1	1	3	3	6
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,		91	333	424	7	8	15	6		6	12	2	10	12
Goffstown,	J. Willey,		50	90	140				8		1	9		3	3
Greenfield, Evang. ch.	D. P. Smith, s s		48	86	134	2	2	4	45			45	1	12	13
" Cong. ch.	B. Fowler,														
Hancock,	A. Burgess,		87	154	243	3	2	5		4		4		4	4
Hillsborough Bridge,	J. Cummings,		24	45	69		3	3	2	1	2	5		3	3
" Centre,	Destitute.	Last year's report	50	70	120	4		4	2		3	6	1	4	5
Lyndeborough,	J. Kimball,		68	114	182	3	1	4	4		4	8		15	15
Manchester 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,		61	120	181	4	20	24	20		1	22	1	4	5
" 2d church,	Destitute.				20										
New Boston,	E. P. Bradford,				260										
Peterborough,	J. R. French,		64	109	173	1		1	3	3	1	7	1	6	7
16	14				2510			95				135			

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

AT THEIR MEETING IN NEWPORT,

AUGUST 25, 1846.

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STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the committee of overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen, by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to foreign bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a committee of overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The publishing committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the district associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the state.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and, with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow—and finally, that a sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE convened in the Congregationa meeting-house in Newport, on Tuesday, Aug. 25th, 1846, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. EDWARD L. PARKER, from Rom. 12 : 3.

The following Delegates from District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were present:

From Belknap Association,		Rev. Messrs. Rufus Childs, Wm. Cogswell, D. D.
Caledonia	"	Rev. Isaac Esty.
Deerfield	"	
Derry	"	Rev. Edward L. Parker.
Harmony	"	Rev. Messrs. Wm. R. Jewett, Jeremiah Blake.
Hollis	"	Rev. Messrs. A. W. Burnham, J. G. Davis.
Hopkinton	"	Rev. Messrs. John LeBosquet, Howard Moody, Isaac Knight.
Lancaster	"	
Manchester	"	Rev. Messrs. Isaac Willey, Henry M. Dexter.
Orange	"	Rev. Edward Cleaveland.
Monadnock	"	Rev. Messrs. Elisha Rockwood, Jeremiah Pomeroy, Moses Gerould, Ezekiel H. Barstow.
Piscataqua	"	Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Sereno T. Abbott, Stephen S. N. Greely, Alvan Tobey.
Sullivan	"	Rev. Messrs. Alvah Spaulding, J. DeF. Richards, John Woods.
Union	"	Rev. Messrs. Elihu T. Rowe, E. M. Kellogg, James R. French.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary.*
Rev. Abraham Burnham, *Treasurer.*
Rev. John Woods, *Minister of the place.*

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robert Dunlap.
Triennial " Rev. Samuel W. Fisher.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. James D. Farnsworth, Rev. Stephen S. Smith.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Wm. A. Hyde, Rev. Charles Thompson.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Solon Martin.
General Conference of Maine.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, J. P. Cleaveland, D. D.
General Association of New-York.

Rev. E. L. Parker was chosen *Moderator;* Rev. Isaac Willey, *Scribe,* and Rev. Stephen S. N. Greely, *Assistant Scribe.*

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Committee of Nominations and Overtures, Rev's John Woods, Alvan Tobey, Moses Gerould.

Voted, That the hours of meeting be 8 o'clock in the morning and 1½ in the afternoon.

Heard the report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Voted, That it be accepted and published with the Minutes.

Committee to take Minutes amd prepare a report on the state of religion: Rev. Messrs. J. DeF. Richards, R. Dunlap, J. G. Davis, C. Thompson and E. H. Barstow.

A committee was appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Edward L. Parker, Amos W. Burnham, Nathaniel Bouton, Phineas Cook, John S. Winter, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Zedekiah S. Barstow, Abraham Bodwell, David Perry, J. K. Young, and Austin Richards.

A report was received from the delegates who during the past year had attended the meetings of corresponding bodies.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was reäppointed Treasurer, and Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Auditor.

Voted, That a tax of 50 cents be assessed upon the members of the district associations.

Voted, To admit the Manchester Association to this body.

The narrative of the state of religion in the district associations, and by delegates from foreign bodies, was then given, in the course of which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Thompson, from Connecticut, and at the close an address was made by Rev. J. P. Cleaveland, D. D., from Rhode-Island, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Smith, from Massachusetts.

Voted, To adjourn until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

AUGUST 26. Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. Willey.

Heard the Pastoral Letter, prepared by the committee.

Voted, That it be accepted, adopted, and published with the Minutes.

The delegates appointed to foreign bodies were as follows, viz :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Annual.)

Rev's Samuel Delano and A. B. Warner, } Primaries.

Rev's J. DeF. Richards and E. D. Eldridge, } Substitutes.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Triennial.)

Rev's T. G. Brainard and John K. Young, } Primaries.

Rev's C. W. Wallace and A. W. Burnham, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev's J. W. Perkins and J. G. Davis, } Primaries.

Rev's P. B. Day and Daniel L. French, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev's S. T. Allen and Giles Lyman, } Primaries.

Rev's Joseph B. Hill and J. M. C. Bartley, } Substitutes.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev's Moses Gerould and R. W. Clark, } Primaries.

Rev's R. F. Lawrence and David Perry, } Substitutes.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev's D. O. Morton and Benjamin Burge, } Primaries.

Rev's J. T. McCollom and Robert Crosset, } Substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island.

Rev's John Woods and C. W. Allen, } Primaries.

Rev's Horace Herrick and E. C. Cogswell, } Substitutes.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East.

Rev. C. W. Richardson, Primary.

Rev. Edward Cleaveland, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. Hiram Freeman, Primary.

Rev. E. H. Barstow, Substitute.

To the General Association of New-York.
Rev. J. M. C. Bartley, Primary.
Rev. Elisha Rockwood, Substitute.

The above report was adopted.

Rev. I. Willey and A. Burgess were appointed a committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

A letter was read by Rev. Mr. Morton, from the Congregational Union of Scotland; and Rev. Dr. Cogswell and Rev. J. K. Young were appointed a committee to prepare a reply.

Voted, To give place to the anniversaries of the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society and the Sabbath School Union.

Voted, To adjourn till half past 1 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, To assign the hour from 11 to 12 o'clock, on Thursday forenoon, to the agents of benevolent institutions who may be present, to advocate their claims.

Appointed Rev. A. Burnham and Rev. I. Willey publishing committee.

Appointed Rev. A. Tobey preacher at the communion season for the next year, and Rev. A. Burgess substitute.

The committee to report the place for the next meeting of the General Association, and also the local association which shall provide the preacher, were Rev's E. Rockwood, Wm. Cogswell, D. D., and O. Holmes.

The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported that the place for the next meeting of this body be in the church of Rev. Mr. Young, at Meredith Bridge, and that Harmony Association provide the preacher for the opening service; which report was accepted and adopted.

Voted, To adjourn until 4 o'clock, to give place to the Annual Meeting of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Met according to adjournment.

The committee appointed to report on the collection of Psalms and Hymns, presented to this body by the General Association of Connecticut, presented a report, commending this compilation to the favorable notice of this Association. After some discussion, this report was accepted. The subject of Psalms and Hymns having thus been brought before the Association, it was *Voted*, That a committee of five be chosen, to consider the merits of the various Hymn Books now in use, and those which seek the patronage of the churches, with instructions to report such action thereon as in their judgment will tend to secure uniformity in public worship. Thereupon Rev's C. B. Haddock, Z. S. Barstow, D. J. Noyes, John Richards, D. D., and J. G. Davis, were appointed the committee.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Dunlap, from Pittsburg, have leave of absence, who then gave to the Association his parting salutations.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

August 27. Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the committee of overtures designate the particular

ular objects which shall claim the attention of this body between the hours of 11 and 12.

Whereupon the above committee reported that the claims of the American Society for ameliorating the Condition of the Jews, the Society in aid of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, the American Sunday School Union and the Seaman's Friend Society, be advocated by their respective agents.

Resolved, That this Association renew their approval of the Society in aid of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, as an important part of the instrumentalities for the salvation of the West and the conversion of the world:—and we therefore recommend it to pastors and churches in our connection to give it a place in their annual contributions for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

Resolved, That this General Association cordially approve the object of the American Society for ameliorating the Condition of the Jews, and recommend it to the patronage of the churches in their connection.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Morton and Wallace officiate at the communion season in the afternoon.

Voted, To give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

The minutes of the doings of this body were then read, accepted and adopted.

Voted, To adjourn after the communion season.

E. L. Parker, *Moderator.*

Isaac Willey, *Scribe.*

Stephen S. N. Greely, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In listening to the messengers of the churches that have gathered here from all directions, we hear many things that are comforting, while we lament the existence of numerous evils, and especially the want of revivals of religion and tidings of souls converted.

The following facts seem to be distinctly apparent in nearly all the reports, viz: general prosperity in the *externals* of religion; increased attendance on public worship; harmony and peace among brethren; the ordinances of the Gospel sustained with undiminished interest; the various causes of christian benevolence receiving their usual attention; Sabbath-school and Bible-class instruction maintained with a commendable zeal; the use of the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism in families and Sabbath schools, reviving; the cause of temperance receiving regard, in a good measure, according to its importance; an increased attachment for the existence and stability of the pastoral relation; enthusiasm and fanaticism disappearing, and a consequent love of order and sound doctrine; a growing

interest in the public mind for the better observance of the Sabbath; a few faithful, praying ones, scattered in all the borders of our Zion, who weep over sinners, and mourn for the worldliness of the people.

And here we find much for which we ought to be encouraged. But the great fact, on which the minds of all seem to fasten and dwell with sad and painful interest, is the withholding, to an unusual degree, of the special influences of the Spirit of God, and the consequent fewness of genuine conversions. Nothing like a genuine revival, such as, in the infinite goodness of God, we have been permitted richly to enjoy in times that are gone by, has been witnessed the past year.

Yet we have not been *utterly* forsaken by these heavenly influences. Some few drops of mercy have fallen upon limited portions of our Zion, showing us that the fountains of God's converting grace are not yet exhausted. Winchester, Nelson and Plymouth, are mentioned as having thus been visited by the Holy Spirit; and it is an interesting fact, that, in the latter place, the blessing was received while the church were engaged in the exercises of fasting and prayer, on the day appointed by this Association last year, in consideration of our spiritual wants.

It is an affecting truth, and one that should deeply humble us, and lead us to call earnestly upon God, that our churches are diminishing in the number of their members, and have been for several of the past years;—that our additions will not fill the vacancies which death and other causes occasion among us.

Yet while we feel ourselves afflicted and mourn, let us not be overwhelmed, or yield to hopeless discouragement. The Lord's arm is not shortened that he *cannot* save. The resources of infinite wisdom and mercy are not yet expended. Our Lord is still a prayer-hearing God. His *promises* yet are sure. When we shall return unto him, he will doubtless return unto us.

Never were our congregations more numerous, or larger in numbers; never did we enjoy a state of more general outward prosperity; never did order and harmony exist to a greater degree in our churches; never, perhaps, were the great doctrines of grace more firmly embraced by our ministers, or more faithfully presented, or better relished in our congregations, than at the present time. But, for reasons to us perhaps not clearly seen, though wise, undoubtedly, the refreshings of the Spirit are not given. Yet we are not to conclude that no good is accomplished, or that the great interests of Christ's kingdom are not really advancing. The present is evidently not a time of ingathering. But may we not reasonably hope that there is a rich and abundant harvest in preparation for us? We must not forget that, as in the natural, so in the spiritual world, there is a time to sow and a time to cultivate, as well a time to reap.

We have been in fault, undoubtedly, and God is dealing with us by way of correction. We have trusted too much to human instrumentalities; we have not *practically* entertained just views of God's sovereignty and of our entire dependence on the efficiency of his spirit. We have too much indulged a spirit of worldliness. We

have vainly attempted to unite the service of mammon with the service of God. And when we have learned the lessons that infinite wisdom would teach us; when we are properly subdued and humbled under the strokes of the divine displeasure, then we may rationally expect that God will change the order of his dispensations, and open the windows of heaven, and pour out blessings upon us so rich and copious that there may not be room enough to contain them.

The several religious bodies in correspondance with us in the other states of New England report their spiritual condition as being very similar, in most respects, to that of our own. While the institutions of the gospel and the great objects of christian labor and benevolence are sustained with a commendable degree of interest and zeal, there are very few revivals, and small additions to the churches. There are, however, some cheering exceptions. Among these are Amherst College and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, in Massachusetts, where have been enjoyed the precious influences of God's spirit, resulting in the probable conversion of a considerable number of the students in both institutions.

Connecticut also reports several revivals of more than ordinary interest and power, and Yale College is specified as having largely shared in these blessings.

Both of the Presbyterian Assemblies represent their churches as being in a highly prosperous state. Each has experienced extensive and powerful revivals, especially at the south and west, and they have received large accessions to their numbers, both by profession and by recommendation. And, what is worthy of particular mention, increased attention is given to the spiritual instruction and welfare of the colored population within their limits. In all this we rejoice and sympathize with them, and may the same blessed influences quickly visit us, with an increased measure of grace and power.

For the Committee, J. DeForest Richards.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Christian Brethren: In connection with our customary salutations, we beg leave to present to your consideration some thoughts respecting the station you occupy as christians, and the duties which that station involves.

Our Saviour, in describing the station of his disciples, says, "Ye are the salt of the earth—ye are the light of the world." These two images vividly illustrate the same truth. Let us then inquire what is expected of each member of the church as a part of the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The christian is not only like light, but also like an object placed in such a position that either by its own or by reflected light it must be seen. "A city set on a hill cannot be hid." He is not only expected to possess, but to manifest a peculiar character. He is not only to be preserved, but to be

a preserver; not only to be enlightened, but to enlighten others. His good works are to be so manifested that others shall see them, and glorify his Father in Heaven.

Every christian, then, in the first place, *should be active in the removal of evil.* This world may be looked upon as morally dark and corrupt. Sin has tainted all the streams of thought, all the fountains of feeling, all the sources of influence. This moral disease is universal, and manifests itself in various forms of evil, and crime, and error. Time would fail to specify all the forms of evil, such as war, and oppression, and avarice, and profaneness, and Sabbath breaking, and intemperance, and error in all its shades and modifications. Now it is the duty of every christian to do all in his power to remove these evils. He is to breast this torrent of iniquity; to hold no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. In doing this, however, regard should be had to his circumstances, talents, acquirements and means of influence. He is to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in the sphere in which he moves. Nor should he, by seeking too wide a field, or, by attempting too much, so weaken his influence that it shall be unfelt any where. His energies should be concentrated; nor must he suppose that because he cannot remove evils in the mass, that it is of no use to attempt it in individual cases, nor in a limited sphere. God has purposely scattered his people among their fellow men, that each individual may be a centre of purity and light in the circle in which he moves. Hence every one should not only give his aid to the general cause of reformation, but each is to be a reformer in a limited district and on a given field. This principle is distinctly recognized by the apostle. "Brethren," says he, "if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know that he that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins." While, therefore, the christian associates with others in every good cause, he must remember that there is a sphere for his individual exertions which claims his constant attention. Hence, he is to labor first of all to remove all evils from his own family, neighborhood and town. Then his regards are to extend to his country and the world. He is to begin with individuals, and then, as he has opportunity, extend his desires and efforts till they embrace all mankind. But he is especially to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in his own family, his own church, and his own neighborhood. There is to be the scene of his daily, his constant, his strenuous exertions. Here, "if the salt loses its savor, wherewith shall it be salted?" here, "if the light becomes darkness, how great is that darkness." The world will never be converted till all christians, in all their little circles of influence, become centres of purity and light. We cannot, by our donations and efforts in behalf of distant objects of benevolence, purchase an indulgence for sloth, and covetousness, and pride, and luxury at home. If we are christians at all, we shall be christians at home, and there the purifying effect of our influence will be most seen and felt. There we shall be living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men.

The christian should be active, in the second place, in the promotion of every thing that tends to elevate and enlighten mankind. Only one part of the christian's work is done when certain evils are removed. It is indispensable that the sinner should be converted. For unless born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. But in order that the young convert may be qualified for his new sphere of action, he is to be instructed, watched over, prayed for, counselled and admonished. Means are to be used that he may grow in grace and in the knowledge of divine truth. Hence every christian should cheerfully lend his aid in support of all those institutions and in the use of all those means by which the church is edified, and the graces of individuals fostered, and intellectual and moral improvement promoted. We need salt, not only to preserve, but also to season our food and render it palatable. We need light, not only to dispel darkness and secure from danger, but also to foster vegetation and clothe every object with beauty and loveliness. Hence, that religion is spurious which does not elevate as well as purify; which does not strengthen the mind, enlarge the sphere of thought, refine the feelings, and adorn the character with the graces of the Spirit. True religion sweetens all social and domestic joys. It renders the family an abode of peace and order, of mutual respect and mutual love; so that it becomes the school in which individuals are trained up for virtue and usefulness. It throws over the neighborhood an air of quiet, cheerful, contented industry, and renders social intercourse improving and delightful. It is the liberal patron of every good institution by which society is elevated and purified. It stands by the Bible, the church, the ministry, the Sabbath, the school and the law, and is the friend of every thing lovely and of good report. It is on this account that every family, and neighborhood, and town, where christian influence preponderates, is so immeasurably elevated in mind and morals above those where it is wanting. Remove christian influence from the world, and it would be like abstracting the salt from the ocean, or blotting out the sun in heaven.

The christian should, in the third place, be active in the preservation of every thing good and useful. The christian should be active not only in the removal of evil and in the promotion of all good causes, but he should be active also in preserving all that is valuable in the institutions of religion, and in the laws and customs of society. He is not a lover of innovation for its own sake. He is not fond of change from a restless, unstable disposition. He is not driven about by every wind of doctrine, nor ready to indorse every wild theory which may be broached, nor to adopt every new measure which may be proposed. He tries every thing by the standard of God's word, and if it will not bear that test, he rejects it without hesitation. He knows that rapidity of motion is not always progress, for motion may be in a circle as well as backward. Nor does a stationary position imply rest, for one may be as active in keeping a fortress as in winning it—in improving an estate as in acquiring it. It is a good work to send the Bible to the destitute, but it may be equally good to defend it against the assaults of enemies at home. It may be some

men's duty to go as foreign missionaries, but it is just as much the duty of others to preach the gospel in their country. New churches ought to be planted, but old ones must not be deserted. The church ought to be active in bringing sinners to repentance, and in increasing its members; but it ought to be equally active in enforcing discipline, and in cutting off unworthy members. Christians should assist in reforming general abuses, but they should resist, with unshaken firmness, the schemes of those, who, under pretence of reformation, would subvert the foundations of christianity and destroy all civil and religious institutions. While, therefore, they should open the door for the admission of every thing which will promote religion, they must guard the entrance lest a host of errors in doctrine and practice creep in at the same time. They should sow broadcast the good seed of the kingdom, but they must watch also lest the enemy sow tares among the wheat. We are to suffer as well as labor for Christ. We are to resist friends who "ought to be blamed," as well as pursue enemies who are to be subdued. We are to be ready to be bound, and even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus, as well as to toil and labor in his behalf. Our light is to shine in adversity as well as in prosperity; in suffering as well as doing; in dying as well as living. We are at all times, in all circumstances, and on all occasions, to let our light so shine that others may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.

Thus it will be seen, that if religious principle exists at all, it will be manifested; and that where there is no manifestation of it, it has no existence. If we cast a grain of wheat into the earth and it does not vegetate, we say it had no vital principle. By analogy, the scriptural test of religious principle is, "by their fruits ye shall know them."

But though the christian profession is a station of great responsibility, it is yet one of high honor and exalted privileges. What can be more glorious than a rightly adorned christian profession! The consistent christian is as a light in the midst of surrounding darkness, or as salt in the midst of universal corruption and decay. He does good directly and indirectly. The world is not only less vicious and miserable, but positively better and happier by his influence. Wherever he lives and moves, he is surrounded by a circle of light and purity. This circle grows wider and brighter and purer as he increases in knowledge and holiness. It blends sweetly with the light of other christians, and chases away the clouds of error and superstition from families, and neighborhoods, and countries. It purifies the fountains of thought and feeling, thus cleansing society of its pollutions and its crimes. Nor will it ever be extinguished. It will grow brighter and purer while on earth. Its sweet and gentle radiance will gild every scene of life, "and make even the gloomy vale of death a smile of glory wear." Brethren, "this is the heritage of all the people of God," "this honor hath all the saints." "Be ye, therefore, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," "inasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

AMOS BLANCHARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

New-Hampshire General Association
In account with A. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

DR.	To paid Charles W. Brewster's bill for printing Minutes for 1845,		$50.00
	To paid Rev. Mr. Barstow's bill for the printing of blank returns, freight, postage, &c.,		6.25
	To paid postage,		.20
			$56.45
	To balance on last year's account,		.44
			$56.89
	Receipts deducted,		49.50
	Balance due Treasurer,		7.39

CR.	By from Belknap Association,		$3.00	
"	" " Caledonia	"	1.00	
"	" " Derry	"		
"	" " Deerfield	"	3.00	
"	" " Harmony	"	3.50	
"	" " Hopkinton	"	6.00	
"	" " Hollis	"	6.50	
"	" " Monadnock	"	9.00	
"	" " Orange	"		
"	" " Piscataqua	"	9.00	
"	" " Sullivan	"	5.00	
"	" " Union	"	5.00	$49.50

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. A. Burnham, treasurer of the General Association, and find it correctly cast and well vouched.
N. BOUTON, Auditor.
Concord, Aug. 24, 1846.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND

submit the following report to the General Association of New-Hampshire, at Newport, August 25, 1846:

Our annual meeting was held at the house of the President, Rev. N. Bouton, Concord, June 3, 1846, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The following officers were elected, viz.:

Rev. N. Bouton, *President.*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Secretary.*
Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Treasurer.*
Rev. N. Bouton and Hon. S. Morril, *Auditors.*
Rev. N. Bouton, Rev. A. Burnham and Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Executive Committee.*

Elected Rev. A. P. Tenney trustee, instead of Rev. E. P. Bradford, deceased.

Admitted to our list of beneficiaries, by recommendation of Rev. Mr. Barstow, of Keene, Mrs. John Thompson, of Winchester.

Then heard and adopted the Treasurer's Report.

Adjourned *sine die.*

Attest: A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

After the adjournment, the Executive Committee held their annual meeting, and appropriated—

To Mrs. M. Pillsbury,	- - - -	$20.00
" " B. Hull,	- - - - -	20.00
" " M. Dow,	- - - - -	20.00
" " J. Clary,	- - - - -	20.00
" " S. Nichols,	- - - - -	20.00
" " J. Thompson,	- - - -	20.00
Amounting to		$120.00

Attest: A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

N. B. At this meeting at Newport, received of the Piscataqua Association, for the Widows' Charitable Fund, by the hand of Rev. Mr. Newman, $8.00.
A. BURNHAM.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Dis.	Ex'd.	Died.	T	Adults	Inf.	To.
Alton,															
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	103	159	262		1	1	3	9	3	15		1	1
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	34	50		1	1							
1st chh. Gilmanton,	Horace Wood,	stated supply.			*75										
Centre chh. do.	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1835.	75	105	180	2	7	9	5			5		5	5
Gilmanton Iron W'ks,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	46	84	130		1	1			1	1		1	1
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	60	139	199	4	3	7	5		4	9	2	1	3
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	54	83		3	3				2		1	1
Sandbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	60	116	176						2	2		1	1
Total, 9	8		389	691	1155	6	16	22	13	9	10	34	2	10	12

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Unsettled Ministers.—Joseph Lane, Charles Tenney, William Cogswell, D. D., Benjamin G. Willey.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10	17	27	00	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Franconia,	"	"	6	18	24	00	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	85	121	4	1	5	1	3	2	6	2	7	9
4	2		52	120	172	4	1	5	3	3	4	10	2	7	9

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Drury Fairbank, Littleton, and Rev. David Sutherland, Bath.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.													
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	94	148	242	1		1	1		6	7		3	3
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.													
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Stated supply.													
Derry, Presbt. church,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810.			243		5	5		2	8	10		17	17
Derry, Cong'l church,	P. B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	48	105	153		4	4	1			1		5	5
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1836.													
Pelham,	Cyrus W. Allen,	Feb. 1, 1843.	32	68	100		1	1	2		6	8		3	3
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	——— 1845.	65	90	155	5	1	6	3		3	6	1	5	6
Salem,	W. K. Hayward,	Stated supply.	11	32	43						2	2		2	2
10	10		250	443	936	6	11	17	7	2	25	34	1	35	36

Unsettled Minister.—Rev. Mr. Kelly.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,	G. W. Ash,	Stated supply.	23	64	87				2		1	3		2	2
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	20	45	65		1	1	2	2	4	8		3	3
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb., 1828.			80										
Ossipee,	John S. Winter,	Nov. 8, 1837.			91						2	2			
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	44	98	142	5	5	10	2		4	6	1	7	8
Sandwich, 1st church,	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842.	28	57	85						1	1		2	2
" 2d "	" " ¼ time.		9	14	23										
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	81	149	230		1	1	1	1	3	5			
Tuftonborough,	John S. Winter, ¼ time.	Stated supply.	14	21	35										
Wakefield,	Nath'l Barker,	"	18	35	53				4		2	6		2	2
Wolfboro', 1st church,	Jeffries Hall,	"	20	48	68										
" 2d "	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843.	27	40	67						1				
Effingham,	Vacant.		13	30	43				2		1	2			
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	5	16	21						2	2			
Groton,	" "	"	17	16	33										
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	——— 1844.	28	33	59										
Thornton,	William P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1845.	13	24	37		1	1	1		3	4		1	1
17	14		360	690	1219	5	8	13	14	3	24	39	1	17	18

Unsettled Minister.—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Dis'd.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. G. Davis,	May 22, 1844.	88	208	296	2	6	8	5		2	7	1	7	8
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1838.	27	55	82					2	1	3			
Hollis,	James Aiken,	Aug. 30, 1843.			225	1	11	12	1	1	4	6		12	12
Mason,	E. Hill, / J. B. Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790. / Oct. 20, 1841.	96	149	241		1	1	6	3		9		3	3
Merrimack, 1st chh.,	S. T. Allen,	May 22, 1839.	32	73	105	1	2	3	1		2	3		5	5
Ev. chh. S. Merrimack,	J. W. Shepard,	May 7, 1844.	10	35	45		4	4		1		1		4	4
Milford,	A. B. Warner,	Feb. 7, 1839.	99	166	265		4	4	1	1	4	6			
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841.	54	124	178	1		1	1	2	1	4		3	3
Nashua, Olive st. chh.,	A. Richards,	April 6, 1836.			510	15		15							
New-Ipswich,	S. Lee,	May 5, 1836.	132	257	389	1	5	6	7	3	3	13		5	5
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	82	152	234		2	2	6	1	8	15		3	3
Temple,	W. Follett,	July 25, 1844.			120		3	3	3		1	4			
Wilton,	Charles Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843.	48	72	120				1		2	3			
Total, 13	14		658	1291	2810	21	38	59	32	14	28	74	1	42	43

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford ; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis ; Mr. Smith, of Hollis.

In this Association, the pastors are tenderly united in christian affection and confidence ; sympathize, and, as far as practicable, coöperate with each other in all that concerns the welfare of Zion. The churches are all supplied with pastors, enjoy as high a degree of peace and harmony, give as good attendance on the worship and ordinances of God, as well sustain the Sabbath school, the cause of temperance, and other benevolent enterprises, according to their ability, as their sister churches through the state.

But the above statistics will show those churches have not been blessed, as in other years, " with times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	6	14	20				4			4		1	1
Boscawen, 1st,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.			*275										
Boscawen, 2d,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	63	99	162	2		2	1			1	2	1	3
Bradford,					*119										
Bristol,	Daniel O. Moreton,	June 8, 1842,	30	58	88						2	2			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	57	100	157				1	3	4	8	2	1	3
Concord, 1st,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	68	193	261		4	4			4	4		5	5
Concord, West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April, 1833.	73	157	230		3	3			4	4		8	8
Concord, South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.			*200										
Concord, East,					*115										
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	24	72	96	3	3	6	2	1	3	6	2	5	7
Henniker,	Eden B. Foster,	Oct. 12, 1841.													
Hill,	John LeBosquet,	April 27, 1843.	14	46	60						1	1			
Hooksett,	James W. Perkins,	Stated supply.	5	9	14										
Hopkinton, 1st,					*272										
Hopkinton, 2d,															
Loudon Village,															
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	35	114	149				4		6	10		4	4
Salisbury,					*80										
Sanbornton Bridge and Northfield,	Corban Curtice,	—— 1843.			146						2	2		2	2
Warner,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	47	54	101				1	1	5	7	1	2	3
Wilmot,	Nathan Howard,		9	14	23										
Total, 22.	16—7 unsettled.		431	930	2568	5	10	15	13	5	31	49	7	29	36

Unsettled Ministers.—Ebenezer Price, West Boscawen; William Patrick, Canterbury; Benjamin P. Stone, Concord; Moses Kimball, Hopkinton—still supplying; Stephen Rogers, Bradford; Hiram Freeman; David Kimball; Henry Wood.

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ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	153	273	426				5		4	9			
Canaan,			13	29	42				1		2	3			
Orford, West,	Daniel Campbell,	May, 1833.	24	75	99						1	1		5	5
Orford, East,	A. B. Foster,	June 26, 1844.	23	61	84				4		3	7			
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	S. s. pr. ½ time.	42	83	125				2		3	5		2	2
Wentworth,	" "	" "	15	31	46						3	3			
Haverhill,	Samuel Delano,	Feb. 16, 1842.	21	87	108	1	7	8	3	2	1	6		3	3
Bath,	Edward Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	64	97	2	1	3	3		4	7	1	1	2
8	6		324	703	1027	3	8	11	18	2	21	41	1	11	12

Unsettled Ministers.—Nathan Lord, D. D., and J. M. Ellis.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Bedford, Presbt.,	Thomas Savage,	—— 1826.			245	1	2	3	3		4	7		4	4
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	42	106	148		2	2	2		1	3			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	—— 1837.	45	70	115		3	3	3		1	4		1	1
Hudson,	William Page,	Aug. 14, 1844.			82	1	4	5							
Litchfield, Presbt.,	Wm. H. Porter,	Oct. 29, 1845.	9	11	20		1	1	1		1	2		7	7
Londonderry, Presbt.,	T. G. Brainard,	Nov. 5, 1840.	78	162	240		3	3			4	4		8	8
Manchester, 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan., 1840.	73	143	216		19	19	9		1	10		6	6
Manchester, 2d "	Henry M. Dexter,	Nov. 6, 1844.	31	54	85	5	20	25	1		1	2	3		3
Nashua, 1st church,	Samuel Lamson,		[Not reported this year.]												
9	9	Total,	278	546	1151	7	54	61	19		13	32	3	26	29

Unsettled Minister.—Mr. Miltimore.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Di'd.	Tot	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Tot
Alstead,	Robert Crossett	May 3, 1843	26	66	92	1		1	4	1	1	6	1	2	3
New-Alstead,	A. C. Page	Oct. 23, 1844			126					1	6	7			
Paper Mill Village,	—— Lawrence, s. s.		17	25	42						2	2			
Chesterfield,	Benjamin E. Hale	Aug. 31, 1842	20	68	88		4	4	2		6	8			
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall		12	36	48	1		1	1		1	2	1	3	4
Fitzwilliam,	Horace Herrick	Sept. 4, 1844	72	138	210	7		7	1		4	5		3	3
Gilsum,	James Tisdale, s. s.				*34										
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould		57	68	125	3	7	10			1	1	3	2	5
	Laban Ainsworth														
Jaffrey,	Leonard Tenney	March 19, 1845			150			5	5	1	3	9		5	5
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow	July 1, 1818	71	236	307	1	8	9	7		5	12	1	16	17
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman, s. s.		29	67	96	1	2	3	1		1	2		1	1
Nelson,	Daniel S. French	Nov. 4, 1841			118	10		10	1		6	7	6	2	8
Harrisville,	Jere. Pomeroy, s. s.		25	41	66	1	4	5			2	2			
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams, s. s.		14	26	40						1	1		4	4
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson	Jan. 5, 1803			68		5	5						4	4
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton	Feb. 4, 1846	30	58	88		4	4	2		2	4		1	1
Surry,	J. P. Perry, s. s.		4	16	20						1	1			
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood	Oct. 16, 1836	21	59	80		2	2	3		2	5		1	1
Troy,	Luther Townsend	March 5, 1845	25	54	79				2	4		6		1	1
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow	Aug. 6, 1845			114	2	4	6			1	1		4	4
Westmoreland,			39	114	*153										
Winchester, 22	21		61	179	239	21	5	26	3		7	10			
			523	1251	2383	48	45	98	32	7	52	91	12	49	61

Rev. J. Sabin, Fitzwilliam; Otis C. Whiton, Harrisville; and John Thompson, Winchester, finished their labors the last year.

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Unsettled Ministers.—Gad Newell, Josiah Peabody, J. D. Crosby, Elihu Smith.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Di'd.	Tot.	Adlt.	In.	Tot.
Barrington	Theodore Wells	June 11, 1845	19	34	53	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Brentwood	James Boutwell	Nov. 4, 1841	26	53	79	2	2	4	0	1	1	2	0	9	9
Dover 1st church	Homer Barrows	July 9, 1845	83	289	372	0	5	5	4	3	5	12	0	1	1
Durham	Alvan Tobey	Nov. 20, 1833	13	59	72	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Epping	Enoch Corser	Stated supply	8	27	35	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Exeter 1st church	Roswell D. Hitchcock	Nov. 19, 1845	50	90	140	1	0	1	2	0	3	5	1	3	4
" 2d "	Isaac Hurd	Sept. 11, 1817	17	65	82	0	1	1	1	0	3	4	0	0	0
Farmington	John L. Seymour	Supply indefinite	10	13	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland	Samuel W. Clark	Aug. 5, 1829	9	30	39	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Hampton	Erasmus D. Eldredge	April 4, 1838	73	130	203	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
Kingston	Samuel Mason, s. s.	Labors closed	20	51	71	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0
Milton	Edward F. Abbott	Set'ed Aug. 1846*	29	63	92	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	0
New-Castle	Lucius Alden	Acting pastor	9	23	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newington	Without a pastor near	forty years	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New-Market / Lamprey River	Stephen S. N. Greely	Dec. 15, 1842	35	63	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North-Hampton	Jonathan French	Nov. 18, 1801	77	98	175	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	0	4	4
Portsmouth N. chh.	Rufus W. Clark	Nov. 16, 1842			344	3	5	8	2	0	2	4	1	8	9
Rochester	John E. Farwell	Aug. 16, 1843	22	80	102	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0
Rye	James F. McEwen		35	75	110	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	2	2
Seabrook and Hampton Falls	Sereno T. Abbott	July 12, 1837	29	56	85	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Somersworth, G. Falls	James T. McCollom*	Oct. 2, 1844	34	89	123	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
" Salmon "	Church organized	May 1, 1846			15	0	0	15		0	0	0	0	0	0
South New-Market	Preston Pond*	Stated supply	11	18	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2
Stratham	Wm. J. Newman	Nov. 2, 1836	12	49	61	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total, 24	22		622	1362	2541	8	20	43	16	6	36	48	3	33	36

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Unsettled Ministers.—Jonathan Ward, Tobias H. Miller, Portsmouth. Licentiate, A. M. Payson.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	65	95	160	1	3	4	3	0	5	8	1	4	5
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 28, 1841.	29	48	70	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	77	145	222	3	12	15	9	1	3	13	2	5	7
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	38	55	93	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Croydon,	Aaron Wait, Jr.,	Stated supply.	34	56	90	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 20, 1842.	93	159	252	2	7	9	5	0	2	7	1	3	4
Enfield,	Benjamin Barge,	July, 1840.	11	15	26	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanover, East,	David Kimball,	Stated supply.			135										
Goshen,	Carey Russell,	Stated supply.	20	32	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 8, 1840.	11	15	26	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lebanon,	Phineas Cooke,	May 13, 1829.	73	133	206	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	2	2
Lempster, 1st church,	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	34	53	87	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lempster, 2d church,					*42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	17	45	62	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	3	3
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	82	133	215	0	2	2	4	0	6	10	0	0	5
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	10	31	41	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unity,					*19										
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	8	27	35	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
18	16		595	1042	1826	7	35	42	28	2	23	53	4	21	30

Licentiates.—A. Wood and Cyrus Richards, Meriden.

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UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim, Presbyterian,	John M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	57	133	190	1	4	5	1	1	15	17			
Bennington, Cong.,	Albert Manson,	Nov. 3, 1841.	23	48	71	1		1						2	2
Greenfield, Evangelical,	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1845.	47	83	130				1		1	2		2	2
Greenfield, 1st Cong.															
Hancock, Cong.,	Archibald Burgess,	Dec. 25, 1822.	82	141	223		3	3	4		6	10		2	2
Hillsborough, 1st Cong.,	Elihu T. Rowe,	May 29, 1845.	34	61	95	3		3					2	5	7
Hillsboro' Bridge, Cong.,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	22	45	67		1	1		2	2	4		2	2
Deering, Cong.,	Wm. Richardson,	Nov. 1, 1843.	18	37	*55										
Francestown, 1st Cong.,	Jona. McGee,		135	240	375				12	2	5	19		7	7
Lyndeborough, Cong.,	Ivory Kimball,	Dismissed.	65	111	*176										
New Boston, Presbt.,	Erastus M. Kellogg,	June 26, 1846.	60	127	187	1	4	5	4	2	4	10		10	10
Peterborough, Presbt.,	J. R. French,	—— 1840.			176	1	2	3	3		3	6	1	7	8
12	11		543	1026	1745	7	14	21	25	7	36	68	3	37	40

*From last year's report.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.
Pittsfield,	J. Curtis,	October, 1834.	66	124	190	2	2		2	2	1	5		2	2
Chichester,	Willey, stated supply.		61	97	158				1		8	9			
Deerfield,	E. N. Hidden,	September 1, 1841.			130	2	2		2		6	8		3	3
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	40	108	148										
Epsom,			46	89	135				4	1	5	10		2	2
Loudon,	Ezekiel Dow,	February 12, 1845.			85			3			2	2			
Northwood,	E. C. Cogswell,	November 3, 1842.	47	64	111	3	3		4	2	1	7		1	1
Nottingham,	Destitute.														
Raymond,	John C. Page,	October 7, 1841.			148				3			3		2	2
Total, 9			260	482	1105	7	10		16	5	23	44		10	10

Unsettled Minister.—Rev. M. Fifield. One chh. not reported.

* Report of last year.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Di'd	T.	Ad.	In.	To.
Colebrook,	C. W. Richardson.		27	79	106				2			2		5	5
Lancaster,	David Perry,	June 7, 1842.	14	62	76		4	4	2	2		4		6	6
Dalton,			20	28	48										
Whitefield,			10	16	26										
Total, 4	2		71	185	256	4		4	4	2		6		11	11

* Report of last year.

It appears that thirty-two unsettled ministers are reported in the several associations. Of this number thirteen are known to have retired from the active duties of the ministry, in most cases from advanced age; five are teachers in seminaries of learning; four are agents of benevolent institutions, and one an editor. Of the remaining nine, two are advanced in years, and one has gone to the west.

Plan recommended by the General Association for Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	Tract.	Education.	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.
Strafford, Be. & C.	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.
Merrimack,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb and March,	April and May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.
Cheshire & Sulli.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. and March.	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.

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STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen, by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their Churches, Ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their Churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The Publishing Committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the Eastern and Western sections of the State.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and, with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the New Hampshire Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and finally, that a Sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire convened in the Congregational Meeting-House at Meredith Bridge, on Tuesday, August 24, 1847, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Nathaniel Barker, from 1 Cor. 9 : 16.

The following Delegates from District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were present:

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap,	Rev. Messrs. Daniel Lancaster and Giles Leach.
Caledonia,	Rev. E. I. Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Rev. Messrs. Moses H. Wells and E. N. Hidden.
Derry,	Rev. Messrs. Loren Thayer and William Murdock.
Harmony,	Rev. Messrs. Jeremiah Blake and John S. Winter.
Hollis,	Rev. Messrs. James Aiken, Daniel Goodwin and J. B. Hill.
Hopkinton,	Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel Bouton, Asa P. Tenney and Caleb B. Tracy.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	Rev. Messrs. C. W. Wallace and J. L. Seymour.
Monadnock,	Rev. Messrs. J. Pomeroy, J. Tisdale, E. H. Barstow and L. Townsend.
Orange,	
Piscataqua,	Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Sereno T. Abbott and Homer Barrows.
Sullivan,	Rev. Messrs. Phinehas Cooke, David Kimball and Edwin S. Wright.
Union,	Rev. Messrs. Archibald Burgess and Jacob Cummings.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary.*
Rev. Abraham Burnham, *Treasurer.*
Rev. J. K. Young, *Minister of the place.*

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Annual,) Rev. Robert Steel, D. D.
do do do (Triennial,) none.

General Association of Massachusetts, none.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. E. Lyman.
General Convention of Vermont, none.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. Carlton Hurd.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Samuel Beane.
General Association of New York, none.
General Association of Michigan, Rev. Henry L. Hammond.

Rev. Jonathan French was chosen *Moderator;* Rev. Edwin S. Wright, *Scribe*, and Rev. Giles Leach, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary. Adjourned, to meet at half past 1 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel Bouton, Phinehas Cooke and Jacob Cummings, were appointed a Committee of nomination and overtures.

A friendly Letter from the Congregational Association of Iowa was received, and referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. A. Burgess and C. B. Tracy.

A committee was appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Edward L. Parker, Amos W. Burnham, Nathaniel Bouton, Phinehas Cooke, John S. Winter, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Zedekiah S. Barstow, Abraham Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young and Austin Richards.

Rev. Messrs. D. Lancaster, Homer Barrows, C. W. Wallace, E. Lyman, and Samuel Beane were appointed a committee to take minutes and prepare a report on the state of religion.

Rev. Messrs. C. W. Wallace and A. P. Tenney were appointed a committee to report the place for the next meeting of the General Association, and also the local Association which shall furnish the Preacher.

The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported that the place for the next meeting of this body be Manchester, and that the Hopkinton Association furnish the Preacher.

The narratives of the state of religion in the District Associations, and by Delegates from Foreign Bodies was then given; in the course of which addresses were made and prayers offered by Rev. Messrs. Joseph Lane, N. Bouton and P. Cooke.

At the close of the narratives from Foreign Bodies, an address was made by Rev. Mr. Spaulding, Secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society.

After prayer by Rev. Z. S. Barstow, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25. Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Alvan Tobey.

A memorial was received from the Piscataqua Association, and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. P. Cooke, A. Burnham and J. K. Young.

The committee appointed by the last General Association to "consider the merits of the various Hymn Books now in use, and those which seek the patronage of the Churches," made their report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed, at the meeting of the General Association in August, 1846, "to consider the merits of the various Hymn Books now in use, and those which seek the patronage of the Churches, with instructions to report such action thereon as in their judgment will tend to secure uniformity in public worship," have had that subject under consideration, and are of opinion, that an attempt on the part of the Association, at this time, to introduce a new Book, or to make any general change in the Books used in this State, in the conduct of public worship, would be likely to diminish instead of increasing the uniformity now existing in the practice of our churches.

If a change were thought important, the Committee would have little hesitation, upon the whole, in recommending the collection of Psalms and Hymns, presented to this body by the General Association of Connecticut. In this judgment, however, we would not be understood as implying any censure of other works of the kind in use in other parts of the country, as well as in New Hampshire. Some of these works are entitled to great respect in point of poetical merit, variety and adaptation to musical effect, and all together indicate an increased attention to the claims of the church upon the genius and taste of its members, which cannot but result in essential improvements in this delightful part of christian worship.

The Committee have gone less into the comparative merits of the different Hymn Books, which offered themselves for their examination, because it soon appeared, in the course of their inquiries, to be more than questionable whether any immediate action of the Association were required upon the subject.

In our opinion no change should be attempted without important reasons. To a certain degree the familiarity of our sacred Hymns is an advantage; just sentiments and christian feelings do not always lose their interest by repetition; it is often grateful to the pious mind to be able to anticipate the train of thought to be followed in its devotions; something is lost, in the natural flow of accustomed praise, by the introduction of novelties of expression even. Indeed, it must have occurred to us all, that one of the dangers of our free congregational worship, to be guarded against with care, while we enjoy our liberties to the full, is that of forgetting, in our regard for intellectual entertainment, that, after all, the great purpose of public worship is for every member of the assembly to repeat, with a personal appropriation and heartiness, the simple, common, vital sentiments, which the Christian church have always held and which are now every where uttered with fresh emotion in the oft-repeated and ever-living songs of Zion.

The introduction of the collection adopted by the General Association of Connecticut, or of any other, in the place of Watts and the Select Hymns, into the churches of this State would be a material innovation.

It appears from the Congregational Almanac that we have in our connection 171 churches.

Of these 171 churches, 144 use the Christian Psalmody, or Worcester's Watts with the Select Hymns.

Twenty of the churches use other books of different kinds.

In reference to the remaining seven we have obtained no information.

More than five-sixths of our congregations, probably, make use of Worcester's Watts' and Select Hymns.

It is hardly to be supposed that any action of this body would at once produce a general change; if it should not, the effect would evidently not be "to secure uniformity," but rather to destroy it.

The Book to which our churches are accustomed, though doubtless susceptible of improvement, is, nevertheless, in our opinion, a collection of great merit, and including the Hymns added in the later editions, one of great variety. Our people are accustomed to it; strong associations already attach them to it.

And our deliberate opinion is, after a good deal of reflection, that, for the present, we have reason to be satisfied with a work so unexceptionable, if not faultless, and so generally in use among us.

CHAS. B. HADDOCK,
JOHN RICHARDS,
Z. S. BARSTOW,
DANIEL J. NOYES.

Voted, That the next Annual return of members of the Churches be based on a specific enumeration.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

Rev. N. Bouton was appointed to prepare a resolution in respect to the deficiency in the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Voted, That eight minutes each be allowed to Rev. Messrs. Clark, Frênch, Tappan and Ferguson, to make addresses on the subjects connected with their respective agencies.

Voted, That Messrs. Tracy, Burgess and Kimball be a Committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Voted, to have a recess, to give place to the Sabbath School, and Education causes.

After the recess, the Association was addressed by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Agent of the Tract Society, Rev. Wm. Clark, Agent of the Foreign Missionary Society, Rev. D. D. Tappan, Agent for the American Sunday School Union, and Rev. J. R. French, Seamen's Chaplain at Havana.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Rev. N. Bouton reported a resolution in regard to the Widows'

Fund, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. A. P. Tenney, N. Bouton and W. R. Jewett.

Rev. A. Burnham was re-appointed Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton, Auditor.

Voted, That a tax of 50 cents be assessed upon the members of the District Associations.

Voted, to adjourn until half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Iowa—on Articles of Faith—reported, that having examined the same, they recommend, that the General Association reciprocate the Christian sympathies of that body—and that we accede to their proposal for a correspondence.

The delegates appointed to Foreign Bodies were as follows:

Primaries.	Substitutes.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Annual).	
Rev. H. M. Dexter.	Rev. R. W. Clark.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Triennial.)	
Rev. John K. Young.	Rev. J. DeF. Richards.
To the General Association of Connecticut.	
Rev. D. L. French,	Rev. A. Benson,
Rev. D. Kimball.	Rev. Z. S. Barstow.
To the General Association of Massachusetts.	
Rev. P. Cooke,	Rev. J. Pomeroy,
Rev. D. J. Noyes.	Rev. J. G. Davis.
To the General Convention of Vermont.	
Rev. E. Tenney,	Rev. A. Richards,
Rev. J. Boutwell,	Rev. W. Follett.
General Conference of Maine.	
Rev. A. Burgess,	Rev. L. Conant,
Rev. D. P. Smith.	Rev. I. Knight.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.	
Rev. C. Shedd,	Rev. J. E. Farwell,
Rev. W. Murdock.	Rev. E. Rockwood.
Congregational Union of Canada East.	
Rev. E. D. Cleveland.	Rev. Isaac Esty.
General Association of Michigan and the General Association of Iowa.	
Rev. E. H. Barstow.	Rev. Jacob Cummings.
General Association of New York.	
Rev. Edwin S. Wright.	Rev. James Aiken.

The Report of the committee on "Narratives of the state of religion" was read.

Voted, That this report be accepted, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the Association give place to the New Hampshire Bible Society.

The committee on the Widows' Fund reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.: 1. That the several District Asso-

ciations be earnestly requested to pay an annuity of one dollar each, to the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund, to aid the objects of that important Institution. 2. That the annuities which shall be so paid, be received by the Treasurer of each Association, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund in Concord. 3. That the Trustees of said Fund be requested to consider the expediency of dispensing with one or both of the collections now made for that object. That the Trustees be further requested to take efficient measures according to their discretion to increase the available fund, and to make larger annual appropriations to their beneficiaries.

Voted, That the Scribes of the several District Associations be a committee to see that the preceding resolutions are carried into effect.

The Scribes of the Association were appointed a committee to publish the Minutes.

Rev. A. Burgess was appointed Preacher, at the communion season for the next year, and Rev. D. J. Noyes, Substitute.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this place for their hospitality, and to the Choir for their acceptable services.

Rev. Messrs. P. Cooke and J. Richards, D. D., were appointed a committee to prepare the Pastoral letter, for the next year.

Voted to adjourn until to-morrow at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26. Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. David Kimball.

The Pastoral letter was then read, accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The committee appointed to report on the memorial from the Piscataqua Association, made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

"They have taken the subject into serious consideration, and are unanimous in the opinion that it is not expedient to alter the present organization of the General Association. The committee well remember, that this subject came before this body in 1832; was then assigned to a committee, who reported in like manner, with this report, that it was not expedient to alter its present form. The committee know no reasons now, to make the alteration which were not then advanced. Besides this, the committee are acquainted with several of the District Associations, who have recently had the subject of alteration before them, and have unanimously signified their desire that the change contemplated by the Piscataqua Association may not prevail."

Voted, that 600 copies of the Minutes of this Association be published.

Voted, To adjourn after the communion season.

The minutes of the doings of this body were then read, accepted and adopted. JONATHAN FRENCH, *Moderator*.

EDWIN S. WRIGHT, *Scribe*.

GILES LEACH, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee regret the necessity of reporting so much that is disheartening in the prospects of our churches. There is a remarkable sameness running through all the reports from the different Associations in the State. All lament a general apathy in things of religion and indications of conformity to the world. All report a diminution from death and excision surpassing the increase by profession. And, with few exceptions, the increase from all sources does not equal the removals. We are constrained to inquire, How long can such a state of things continue without showing the most painful results?

But the dark prospect is relieved by some encouraging features. There is a state of peace and harmony in our churches surpassed by no former years. All exciting influences, which have sometimes operated like destructive storms, have disappeared. Doubtless a portion of this quiet is carnal repose. It may be in a measure the stillness of spiritual death. But we cannot account for the whole in this way. There is generally a good attendance on the means of grace on the Sabbath and a willingness to listen to sound doctrine. The Sabbath School is regarded with favor, the novelty attending its first introduction has now passed away, and it is prosecuted from fixed and abiding religious principle. There appears to be an increasing conviction in our churches that greater permanency ought to be give to the pastoral relation. The dismission of pastors, compared with former years, has been few. The benevolent operations of the day are taking deeper hold of the affections of the people, as is evident from the increase of their contributions.

Although there have been few of those scenes, to which, in years past, we gave the name "revival of religion," there have still been, in a large number of our congregations some hopeful conversions. They have occurred without the use of extraordinary means in a way that clearly manifested the hand of God. We can but hope there is a silent operation in progress in our churches and congregations that will hereafter develope itself in a revival worthy of the name.

It should be noticed that a few of our churches have received pleasing accessions. The one at Salmon Falls has been in existence but little more than a year. Since the last meeting of this Association, they have settled a pastor, and have been blessed with an interesting season of revival that has more than doubled their numbers. One of the churches in Exeter has been refreshed and enlarged. The same is true of Chester. At several places, there are now pleasing indications. A few conversions having recently occurred, some are enquiring, while a deep solemnity pervades the congregation.

The reports which come to us from other bodies contain encouraging items.

Never in the history of our country was so much effort made to instruct the slaves in the truths of the Christian religion as at the present time. That instruction is yielding precious fruit. There

have been recently interesting revivals of religion and additions to the churches in the Southern States, and the colored people have been the most numerous subjects. We cannot withhold an expression of our prayers, and hopes, that benevolent christian efforts in behalf of the slaves will be increased and blessed until this class shall enjoy all the privileges of the gospel.

The report from the ocean has some cheering items. While landmen are cherishing an increasing interest in behalf of seamen they are strengthened by the tidings of conversions among them not only in port but on the seas. In a few instances we hear of revivals of religion on board our merchantmen and war-ships.

Amid all that is dark and foreboding in our State, and country, we see some things to indicate that the Lord has not forsaken his people and that he will not give up his heritage to reproach.

In behalf of the committee, HOMER BARROWS.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire, to the churches of their connection, sends christian salutations.

Christian brethren and friends,—Being solicitous as it becomes us to be for your spiritual prosperity and usefulness, we call your attention in this our annual communication to the importance of cultivating a spirit of prayer.

The times in which we live are not those of apparently spiritual prosperity. Darkness hangs over us and we mourn the absence of those spiritual comforts and reviving influences which we once enjoyed. On this account it is feared that many have felt less the importance of their approaches to the throne of grace than they should do. This appears from the intelligence which we have received from most of your churches, that prayer-meetings are thinly attended, that many who were once habitual attendants on such occasions now neglect them. We have reason to know too that family prayer is extensively neglected in our churches. Do not these facts speak too nearly the language of ancient infidelity? "Who is the Lord that we should serve him, and what profit is there that we should pray unto him?" This state of mind in his disciples, the Savior of the world anticipated. In reference to the parable of the importunate widow, it is said, that Jesus spake this parable to the intent that men ought always to pray and not to faint.

There are times when there is no danger of such neglect. What! give up prayer-meetings in such seasons as the day of Pentecost! Many of you remember when you no more thought of neglecting the prayer-meeting of the church than the public worship of the Sabbath. But such seasons have passed away and you have ceased to feel the same interest in your approaches to the throne of grace. This is human nature, and against the prevalence of it, our Lord directed the remark before noticed, that is, that we should be found faithful in the

duty of prayer, at all proper and stated seasons, and never relinquish it on account of any discouragements. Here is the mind of Christ in regard to this particular duty. His will, you have covenanted to make the rule of your lives. An habitual neglect of this duty is then a forfeiture of your christian integrity and consequently of your hopes for eternity. Permit then the cultivation of a spirit of prayer to be urged upon you by the following considerations.

1st. The spirit of prayer is connected with the richest spiritual blessings. The Holy Spirit, the divine agent and inspirer of prayer, with all his purifying, elevating, and comforting influences, dwells with those who love this duty. His renewing influences upon the hearts of men are also connected with the humble, earnest discharge of this duty on the part of the people of God. It is said of the early disciples of our Lord, after his ascension from the midst of them, that "they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and continued with one accord in prayer and supplications." "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." This example in the early history of the christian church may be regarded as indicative of the usual method of the bestowment of the Holy Spirit upon the churches. In every age this blessing has been connected with the revival of a spirit of prayer. He whose power and grace secures the end, prepares also the hearts of his people for the use of the means, that the glory may all be his.

With the gift of the Holy Spirit, you are aware, is connected every other spiritual good. "The fruit of the Spirit," we are told, "is in all goodness, righteousness and truth." It is "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." Everything then valuable in the Gospel, every excellence in human character is connected with the spirit of prayer. It eminently prepares for christian usefulness. No christian has ever done much for the good of the world who has not possessed it. It was the life of such men as Luther, Knox, Whitefield, Howard and of every one in every age and condition of life who has ever done much for the good of the world. A failure in this duty is a failure in the whole business of religion. No other christian grace can grow and prosper without it. Here it is apprehended we find the cause of much that is unlovely and wrong in christians of our time. Correct this evil and you correct most others. The professed disciples of our Lord have separated themselves from him who is their life and are left to their own weakness, and often to show their own folly.

2d. Allow your attention to be called to the urgency of the case in our churches at the present time. Until this is felt we shall never be likely to awake to the duty of prayer to any good purpose. In the parable put forth by our Lord with the object in view which we have before us at the present time, the importunate widow is represented as having suffered wrong. She had been oppressed and was in circumstances of peculiar trial, of pressing urgent necessity. It was this which gave energy to her solicitations. The christian needs such an influence upon him. Then his heart will be in his prayers and he will take hold on Almighty strength.

The infant church at Jerusalem suffered persecution. The cruel hand of Herod was stretched forth to vex them. James was killed with the sword, and because it pleased the Jews, Peter was also taken. He was imprisoned to be brought forth at a future time and slain. But it is said, "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." It was a time of trial to the infant church. Her leaders were taken from them, and each might tremble for himself. The night before Peter's intended execution was spent in such prayer as would never afterwards be forgotten. When all human hope was gone, God appeared for the deliverance of his servant, and before the light of the morning he joined his brethren in giving thanks to him to whom men should always pray and not faint. In the history of the church the instances have been numerous in which the prayers of christians have been called forth by the emergencies in which they have been placed. Their circumstances have been so ordered that they have been shut up unto the faith. Then have they prevailed with God.

We invite you to consider the present condition of our churches and the necessity of importunate prayer in relation to them. We have not to complain of poverty or persecution, or a want of a disposition on the part of those associated with us, to aid, as in former years, in the support of religious institutions. In these respects we are a favored people, and we may say to the opposers of our institutions, "Walk about Zion, go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generations following. For this God is our God forever and ever."

But to a great extent we have the form of godliness without the power. It is now many years since those seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord were enjoyed, in the rememberance of which we rejoice. The number in our churches is every year diminishing. Some of them do not now number one half as many members as in some former years. Of the young in our congregations, many of whom have come forward in our Sabbath Schools, the objects of our affections, and the ground of our hope for the future, a generation has risen up since the days of revivals. Very few of them have accepted the Savior, and secured the aids of his grace; at the same time they are under a worldly and unhallowed influence, which they who have gone before them never knew. A healthful moral influence has been diminishing, while in many places, iniquity has been coming in like a flood.

When shall those seasons return when the current of the public mind shall be turned to the spiritual and immortal interests of men, and sinners shall be found flocking to Christ? The answer to such an inquiry, in the ordinary course of events, must be *never*, until our churches awake to a spirit of importunate prayer.

The question is in an important sense submitted to you, christian friends, whether the cause of our Lord among you shall be revived, or continue to decline. What answer will you give, so far as your individual influence is concerned? Like Saul of Tarsus when it was

announced, "Behold he prayeth," will not each of you inquire, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" What hope, what courage would it inspire in these dark times, to know that our churches generally were awaking to a spirit of prayer! This your Savior would approve, and with this awakened spirit of prayer, his Spirit would be poured down like the rain and dew that water the earth. Shall then this night end in the dawn of a glorious day of revivals, when there shall be joy in heaven and joy on earth over sinners who shall be converted to God, when your sons and your daughters and the beloved youth around you shall join with you in giving thanks to God for his redeeming mercy? Shall anything on your part be neglected which is needful to bring about such a result? Recall your covenant vows, in the days of your espousal, to be wholly the Lord's, to seek his glory and not your own.

3d. We call your attention to a proper confidence in God. He has not directed you to seek him in vain. The importunate widow was compelled to plead her case before an unjust judge, one who feared not God nor regarded man. But you are to come before the Father of mercies, the Savior of sinners, who yielded himself up unto death for our redemption. He is a God at hand and not afar off, able to supply all your wants and to meet every desire. He is the refuge of his people. Such he has been to you. O do not forget the time when in the distress of your souls he appeared for your deliverance! How gracious was he! Can you not trust him still, trust him in all your wants? How able is he to cause light to shine out of darkness, and joy and gladness to succeed sorrow and sighing! His promises in which "he has caused you to hope" will not fail. The time will come when God will "arise and have mercy upon Zion. The time to favor her, the set time will come. For his servants yet take pleasure in her stones and favor the dust thereof." No discouragements should be allowed to shake our confidence in God or move us from the duties which we owe to him. Every instance of successful prayer recorded in the divine record should be for our encouragement. Abraham, Jacob, Joshua, Elijah, David and Daniel were examples of this kind and on this account were the benefactors of their race. They had confidence in his promises and acted accordingly. There are those, we trust, in our churches who act upon this principle. But we are reminded every year that the number of such is diminishing. The prayerful members of our churches are falling around us. Are there those who are prepared to come forward and occupy their places in the church and in the prayer-meeting, and sustain their influence and example? Let the question come home to each one who hopes in the mercy of God. Does he not call you to take the place of some faithful servant whom he has called to his reward?—And are you ready for the labor, for the sacrifice, for the self-denial requisite for such a purpose! "Occupy till I come," is the injunction of our Lord. Before another annual address from us, many of you will have passed into eternity. May you come to the close of your earthly course in the spirit of prayer and of humble confidence in God.

ISAAC WILLEY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Association of New Hampshire in account with A. Burnham, Treasurer.

Cr. By from	Belknap Association,		$4,00
	Caledonia "		0,00
	Deerfield "		3,50
	Derry, "		4,00
	Harmony, "		0,00
	Hopkinton, "		4,00
	Hollis, "		7,00
	Monadnock, "		8,50
	Orange, "		7,50
	Piscataqua, "		9,00
	Sullivan, "		7,00
	Union, "		4,00
			$58,50
Dr.			
To paid Dea. A. McFarland for printing, &c.,		38,06	
freight, &c.,		1,02½	
		39,08½	
To balance due on last year's account,		7,39	46,47½
Balance in treasury,			$12,02½

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treasurer of General Association of New Hampshire, and find it correctly cast and well vouched. N. BOUTON, Auditor.

Concord, August 21, 1847.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to the Constitution of the Widows' Charitable Fund, the Trustees of that Fund present their Annual Report to the General Association of N. H.

At their annual meeting, June 2, 1847, the following election of officers was made:

Rev. N. Bouton, *President.*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Secretary.*
Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Treasurer.*
Rev. N. Bouton and Hon. S. Morril, *Auditors.*
Rev. N. Bouton, A. Burnham and Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Executive Committee.*

The public collection at the annual meeting of the convention was $14,25. And the donation from the Piscataqua Association, at the last anniversary of this General Association, was $18, instead of $8, as it appeared in the printed Report.

In behalf of the Trustees,
A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

After the annual meeting of the Trustees, the Executive Committee held their annual meeting, and appropriated,

To Mrs. Pillsbury,	$20,00
Mrs. Hull,	20,00
Mrs. Clary,	20,00
Mrs. Thompson,	20,00
Mrs. Nichols,	20,00
Amounting to	$100,00
To Mrs. Dow,	20,00

if upon inquiry the Committee should find it necessary.

Pembroke, Aug. 21, 1847. A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died. Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alton,			2	8	10									
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	103	159	262									
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	34	50									
Gilmanton 1st ch.	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.			75									
Gilmanton Centre	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	75	105	180	1		1	6		6			
Gilmanton Iron W	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	46	78	124		1	1	6		6			
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	61	138	199	1	1	2	4		4			
Meredith village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	54	83				2		2			
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	60	115	175				1		1			
					1158	2	2	4	18		18			

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adu.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem, }	Isaac Esty,	Stated Supply.	10	18	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franconia, }			6	12	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter.	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	86	122	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	1

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 1845.	55	87	142				2	1	4	7		4	4
Deerfield,	Eph. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.			120				1		1	2		3	3
Epsom,	Rufus A. Putnam,	May 5, 1847.	No return fro			m the church.									
Loudon,	Destitute.														
Northwood,	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842.	45	70	115		6	6	3		2	5		3	3
Nottingham,	Destitute.														
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	62	108	170		6	6	1		5	6		1	1
Raymond,	John C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			135		2	2						2	2
					682		14	14	7	1	11	20		13	13

Unsettled Ministers.—Josiah Carpenter, Chichester; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; E. Dow, Loudon; Josiah Prentice, Northwood. Mr. Dow was dismissed from his charge in Loudon in June.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adu.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,*	Jesse Page,	Stated Supply.				0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Stated Supply.	12	26	38	0	13	13	4	0	1	5	0	2	2
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	95	147	242	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	4	4
Chester,*	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derry village,	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	48	105	153	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	5	5
Derry Pres. ch.,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810.			238	0	8	8	5	0	0	5	0	10	10
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1836.	38	58	96	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	4	5
Pelham,*	Eden B. Foster,	Stated Supply.	32	68	100	0	1	1	2	0	6	8	0	3	3
Salem,		Vacant.	10	32	42	0	2	2	1	0	2	3	0	2	2
Windham Pr. ch.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	60	88	148	1	3	4	4	0	6	10	0	10	10
10	9		295	524	1057	3	32	35	18	1	18	37	1	40	41

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. John Kelley, Hampstead; Rev. Samuel Harris, Windham. * Last year's report.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,	Carruthurs,	Stated supply.	23	64	87										
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	46	67		2	2			2	2			
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 1828.			79					1		1			
Ossipee,	John S. Winter,	Nov. 8, 1837.	27	53	80				1		1	2			
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	42	104	146	6	5	11	5		2	7	2	10	12
Sandwich, 1st ch.	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842.	27	54	81										
" 2d	do 1-4 time		9	14	23										
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	82	148	230	3	1	4	2		2	4			
Tuftonborough,	John S. Winter, 1-4 t.	Stated supply.	14	21	35		2	2	2			2			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	18	31	53										
Wolfboro,' 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply.	19	47	66				1		1	2		1	1
" 2d	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843.	21	36	57				1		2	5			
Effingham,	Vacant.		13	29	42										
Hebron and Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	5	17	22										
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	1844.	17	17	34		3	3							
Thornton,	William P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1845.	28	33	61										
			11	17	28										
			377	735	1191	9	13	20	14	1	10	23	2	11	13

Unsettled Minister.—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. G. Davis,	May 22, 1844.	87	200	287	5		5	6		7	13		2	2
Brookline,	D. Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1838.	26	54	80		2	2	2		2	4		3	3
Hollis,	J. Aiken,	Aug. 31, 1843.	71	129	200				1		10	11		4	4
Mason,	E. Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790.	39	62	101				62			62			
Merrimack,	S. T. Allen,	May 22, 1839.	32	75	107	2	2	4	2			2	2	6	8
" Evan. ch.	S. H. Tolman,	Stated supply.			35				3			3			
Milford,	L. P. Kimball,	May 19, 1847.	99	170	269	3	6	9			2	2	2	1	3
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841.	55	121	176	5	3	8	2		4	6	2	3	5
Nashua, Olive st.	A. Richards,	April 6, 1836.			402	6	8	14	108		3	111	4	3	7
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	*132	257	389										
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	79	148	227		2	2	4		5	9		5	5
Temple,	W. Follet,	July 25, 1844.			*120										
Wilton,	Chs. Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843.	43	64	107		1	1	9		5	14		2	2

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis; Rev. J. W. Shepard, Nashua; Rev. A. B. Warner, Northampton, Mass., and Rev. J. B. Hill, Mason.

* From last year's Report.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.			*20										
Boscawen East,	Caleb Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.	95	155	250		1	1	4		7	11		6	6
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	59	97	156		1	1	5		2	7		1	1
Bradford,					*119										
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.	29	56	85		1	1	3		1	4		1	1
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	53	96	149	1		1	4	3	2	9		6	6
Concord 1st,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	66	187	253	1	7	8	4		12	16	1	15	16
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 24, 1833.	70	150	220	1		1	3	1	4	8	1	6	7
Concord South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.	62	132	194	7	13	20	8			8	5	8	13
Concord East,	Winthrop Fifield,	March 24, 1847.	39	75	114		3	3	1		1	2		2	2
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	24	71	95		1	1	1		1	2			
Henniker,															
Hill,	John Le Bosquet,	April 27, 1843.	17	41	53				5		1	6		5	5
Hooksett,					*14										
Hopkinton,	Edwin Jennison,	Jan. 6, 1847.			253	1		1	8		4	12		3	3
Loudon village,															
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	37	115	152		6	6	7	1	3	11		1	1
Salisbury,	G. W. Ash,														
Sanbornton Br'ge and Northfield,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 1843.	37	75	112		3	3	3	1	4	8		2	2
Warner,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	42	49	91	1	2	3	2	3	5	10		1	1
Wilmot,	Nathan Howard,*				*23										
21	16 settled.				2253	12	38	50	58	9	47	114	7	57	64

Unsettled Ministers.—Ebenezer Price, West Boscawen; Wm. Patrick, Canterbury; Benj. P. Stone, Henry Wood, Concord; Eden B. Foster, dismissed from Henniker and supplying at Pelham; James W. Perkins.

* From last year's reports.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bedford, (Pres.)	Thomas Savage,	1826.			250	2		2	2		6	8		2	2
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	40	104	144		1	1	3		3	6			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	40	70	110				4	1	2	7			2
Hudson,	William Page,	Aug. 14, 1844.	27	53	80	1		1							
Litchfield, (Pres.	Wm. H. Porter,	Oct. 29, 1845.	10	10	20		2	2			2	2		1	1
Londonderry, do.	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.			270		2	2	2		3	5		9	9
Manchester, 1st,	Cyrus W. Wallace,	Jan. 1840.	71	146	217	1	10	11	8	1	1	10		5	5
Manchester, 2d,	Henry M. Dexter,	Nov. 6, 1844.	35	62	97	1	18	19	4	1	2	7		2	2
Manchester,	John L. Seymour,	City missionary.	cong.	150	to200										
Nashua, 1st ch.	Samuel Lamson,	1846.			475	8	12	20	7		3	10	4	7	11
Total, 9 churches.	9 Pastors, and	1 missionary.			1283			56							

Unsettled Ministers.—John L. Seymour, Wm. Richardson and Mr. Miltimore.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	153	273	426										
Canaan,			13	29	42										
Orford, West,	Daniel Campbell,	May, 1833.	24	75	99										
Orford, East,	A. B. Foster,	June 26, 1844.	23	61	84										
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	Stated supply,	42	83	125										
Wentworth,		preach 1-2 time	15	31	46										
Haverhill,	—— Searle,	Stated supply.	21	87	108										
Bath,	Edward Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	64	97										
			324	703	1027										

Unsettled Ministers.—Nathan Lord, D. D., J. M. Ellis, and Samuel Delano.

* From last year's report.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead,	Robert Crossett,	May 8, 1843.	24	64	88	2	1	3	4		3	7		2	2
New Alstead,					126	4		4			4	4			
Paper-mill village,	Seth Arnold,	Stated supply.	17	24	41						1	1			
Chesterfield,	Benjamin E. Hale,	Aug. 31, 1842.			83		1	1			1	1			
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall,		18	32	45		1	1	1		3	4			
Fitzwilliam,	Horace Herrick,	Sept. 4, 1844.			204	2	2	4	9		2	11			
Gilsum,	James Tisdale,	Stated supply.			39	2		2		2	2	4			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,		52	60	112		2	2	1			1		1	1
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845.			*150										
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	70	237	307		9	9	5	1	3	9		24	24
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	30	67	97		5	5	2		2	4		2	2
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1841.			122	2	7	9			4	4	2	2	4
Harrisville,	Jere. Pomeroy,	Stated supply.	23	40	63		2	2	5			5		1	1
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams,	Stated supply.	13	25	38				2			2		1	1
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson,	Jan. 5, 1803.			66				1		1	2			
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	29	59	88		2	2			1	1		4	4
Surry,			3	18	21		1	1		1		1			
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 16, 1836.			78		1	1	1		2	3		1	1
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	24	55	79	1	3	4	1		3	4		3	3
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	Aug. 6, 1845.	32	82	114		2	2			3	3			
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	36	104	140	3		3			2	2			
Winchester,	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	67	158	225				9	1		10			
22	21		433	1125	2326	16	39	52	41	5	37	81	2	41	43

Unsettled Ministers.—Gad Newell, Nelson; Elihu Smith.

* Last year's report.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	19	34	58										
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	25	52	77	1		1			1	1			
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	81	283	364		1	1	5	1	3	9		3	3
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	14	59	73	1	1	2							
Epping,	Enoch Corser,	Stated supply.	9	28	37		2	2					1	1	2
Exeter 1st church,	Roswell D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	52	97	149		13	13	1		3	4		4	4
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, 1817.	17	65	*82										
Farmington,	Benjamin G. Willey,	Supply.	10	16	26						1	1			
Greenland,	Samuel W. Clark,	Aug. 5, 1829.	18	30	43									2	2
Hampton,	Erasmus D. Eldredge,	April 4, 1838.	63	130	193	1		1			10	10	1	9	10
Kingston,	James Fletcher,	Stated supply.	18	39	57				5	1	1	7			
Milton,	Edward F. Abbott,	Aug. 19, 1846.	31	61	92						2	2			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	9	22	31		1	1			2	2		1	1
Newington,	No preacher.		2	8	10										
New Market, Lamprey Riv-	—— Chamberlain,	Stated supply.	35	63	*98										
North Hampton, [er,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801.	74	93	167		1	1			7	7		9	9
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842.			320		1	1	6	5	5	16		7	7
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	83	102	2		2	2		3	5	2		2
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	37	79	116				2		1	3			
Seabrook and HamptonFalls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	29	53	82				1		2	3		2	2
Somersworth, Salmon Falls,	Samuel J. Spalding,	Oct. 28, 1846.	14	23	37	15	9	24	1			1	5	1	6
Somersworth, Great Falls,	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	34	90	124		4	4	3			3		1	1
South Newmarket,	Destitute.		11	18	*29										
Stratham,	William J. Newman,	Nov. 2, 1836.	17	39	56	1		1	1		3	4		2	2
24	22				2418			54				79			51

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Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	66	96	162	2	6	8	1		5	6	1	5	6
Charlestown,	J. DeForest Richards,	May 28, 1841.	23	48	71		1	1	2		2	4		1	1
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	73	136	209	4	6	10	2		5	7	7	4	11
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	35	59	94	1		1							
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	33	53	86						4	4			
Dartmouth Coll.,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 20, 1842.			*252										
Enfield,	Benj. Burge,	July, 1840.	11	16	27				1			1			
Hanover Centre,	David Kimball,	Stated supply.			128				4		3	7		3	3
Goshen,					*52										
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 8, 1840.			*26										
Lebanon,	Phinehas Cooke,	May 13, 1829.	64	130	194				5	1	2	8			
Lempster 1st ch.	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	38	57	95	2	6	8	1			1	1	2	3
Lempster 2d ch.					*42										
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	18	46	64	2	3	5	2		1	3	1	1	2
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	78	127	205	2	3	5	6		9	15	5		5
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	8	28	36	1		1	1		1	2			
Unity,					*12										
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.			*36										
18	15				1791										

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Licentiates.—A. Wood and Cyrus Richards, Meriden.

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			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim,	John M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.													
Bennington,	Albert Manson,	Nov. 3, 1841.	21	41	62				3			3	6		2	2
Greenfield, Evan.	David P. Smith,	May 8, 1845.			128				1			1	2		2	2
Greenfield, 1st	Noah Emerson,	Stated supply.	27	41	68	3	4	7				1	1	1		1
Hancock, [Cong.	Archibald Burgess,	Dec. 25, 1822.	78	128	206		1	1	5			1	6		7	7
Hillsboro', 1st Con	Elihu T. Rowe,*	May 29, 1845.	35	56	91				3	1		4	8			
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	22	43	65				1			1	2		2	2
Deering,	Edmund Burt,	Stated supply.	13	38	51							2	2		3	3
Francestown,	Jonathan M'Gee,	Aug. 16, 1843.	135	240	375	1	9	10	5			12	17	1	6	7
Lyndeboro',	Claggett,	1846.	Not reported.													
New Boston,	Erastus M. Kellogg,	June 26, 1845.	56	125	181	1	2	3	8			3	11		4	4
Peterboro',	Henry J. Lamb,	1847.	Not reported.													
12	12															

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* Rev. E. T. Rowe, has for the present removed to Derry to take charge of the Adams Female Academy.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

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Colebrook,	C. W. Richardson.		27	79	106										
Lancaster,			14	62	76										
Dalton,			20	28	48										
Whitefield,			10	16	26										

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Grafton & Coos,	August & Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.
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Union	"	Rev. J. McGee.

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Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary.*
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CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (annual,) Rev. R. Taylor.
" " " " (triennial,) none.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. C. Marsh.
" " Connecticut, none.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. W. Wright.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. J. Rogers.
General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. T. Waterman.

General Association of New York, Rev. J. P. Thompson.
General Association of Michigan, none.

Rev. T. Savage was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. T. McCollom, Scribe; and Rev. S. T. Allen, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at a quarter past 1 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary. Rev. Messrs. R. W. Clark, C. W. Wallace and R. F. Lawrence, were chosen a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. W. J. Newman, C. Willey of N. H., R. Taylor of N. J., J. Rogers of Me., T. T. Waterman of R. I., and C. Marsh of Mass., were appointed a Committee to take notes, and prepare a report on the state of religion.

The narratives of the state of religion in the District Associations were then given; also, narratives of the state of religion within their respective limits, were given by the delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

Voted to adjourn to meet at this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 23.—Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Burnham.

A communication from the Third Presb. of N. Y., was read, in reference to irregularities of Corresponding Bodies, in receiving licentiates and ministers without recommendation.

Wherefore, it was voted, That we appreciate the views expressed in that communication, and that this Association will conform to the wishes therein contained.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be given to Rev. Mr. Bouton for his able and appropriate sermon, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for the press.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Bouton in reference to the publication of said sermon. Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, A. Burnham and J. K. Young, were chosen a Committee for that purpose.

A Committee was appointed to certify the standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of the State, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, E. L. Parker, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, A. Bodwell, E. J. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage and R. W. Clark.

Rev. Messrs. J. F. Griswold and L. Armsby were appointed a Committee to report the place of next meeting, and also the local Association that shall furnish the preacher.

Rev. Messrs. Samuel Lee, J. Blake and D. O. Morton were chosen a Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. Messrs. J. DeForest Richards and J. G. Davis were chosen a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

On leave, Rev. Mr. Willey made some statements relative to the City Mission in Manchester. Rev. Messrs. Seymour and Thompson made remarks on the same subject.

Whereupon, a Committee was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report at this meeting. Rev. Messrs. Willey, Young and Woods, were appointed said Committee.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. Mr. Cooke, which was accepted and referred to the publishing committee for publication.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Edwards.

The Association was then addressed by Dr. Edwards, on the subject of the Sabbath—and by Rev. Mr. Clark in reference to the Education Society. Addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Emerson, agent of the Am. Protest. Society; Rev. Mr. Hovey, agent of For. Ev. Society; Rev. Mr. Fergurson, agent of Tract Society; Rev. Mr. French, Seamens' Chaplain at Havanna; Rev. Mr. Gibson, agent of Am. Sunday School Union; Rev. Mr. Bullard, agent of Mass. Sunday School Society; Rev. Mr. Ellis, agent of the Society for the promotion of Theological and Col. Education at the West; and Rev. Mr. Gleason, agent of the A. B. C. F. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Lee.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

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3. That we cordially recommend the above mentioned Manuals to the families of our own congregations, and to all the families throughout the State.

4. That in our opinion the American Protestant Society has a claim upon the confidence and encouragement of Evangelical Christians, and we recommend that our churches cordially sustain it by their contributions.

5. That we most earnestly recommend that the ministers in our connexion throughout the State, present at sometime during the year, the claims of the Am. Ed. Soc., and give their congregation an opportunity to contribute to its funds.

6. That we cordially approve of the Mass. Sab. School Soc., and commend it to the confidence and patronage of our churches; while we would express to the Board of Managers our desire that its name may be so modified as to be no longer local, but co-extensive with the enterprise, being called the *Puritan Sabbath School Society.*

That we accept their offer of blank forms of annual reports for our Sabbath Schools, and recommend that the same when filled out by the Superintendants or Pastors, be returned to the Secretary for publication, in connexion with the annual report of said Society.

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Encouragement may also be drawn, 3dly, from a fact sustained by the reports presented. *Benevolent objects are receiving greater attention.* If prayers and alms go together, and we see not why they *must not;* then we have reason to hope respecting Zion. The increased contributions to benevolent objects show stronger desire for the good of mankind, and more confidence in the Gospel as the remedy of God's appointment to counteract sin in every form. The objects of benevolence are increasing, and the reports would certainly intimate to us that the church, though still deficient, is better prepared to sustain them. May we not, ought we not, to praise God and take courage, and increase our effort, since God is influencing some men of the world to exert themselves in paying their money to sustain the institutions of religion at home, and the efforts made to extend his kingdom abroad? May we not hope that they who are thus influenced to do good, will be by such influences led to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, in the way of God's appointment? The *Sabbath School* is also receiving increased attention, and thus drawing forth and adding to the energy of the church; while at the same time they who are associated as pupils in this institution are benefitted. May we not hope very much from this fact?

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Rev. D. J. Noyes was appointed preacher for the communion season for next year, and Rev. John Wood of Langdon, substitute.

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Voted, that the subject of the place of next meeting, be left with the publishing committee, who subsequently, upon correspondence with Rev. Mr. Jewett, decided that it be at PLYMOUTH.

Voted, that the Manchester Association appoint the preacher for next year.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Voted, that the Association take a recess for the purpose of giving place to the New Hampshire Bible Society. After the recess, the Association resumed its session.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was re-appointed Treasurer, and Rev. Nathaniel Bouton Auditor.

Voted, that the Scribes, together with Rev. Mr. Dexter, be a Committee to publish the minutes.

Rev. Mr. Burnham was added to the Committee.

Voted, that the number of copies of the minutes of the Association to be printed, and the manner of their distribution, be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this city for their hospitality, and to the choirs of singers for their acceptable services.

Voted to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, August 24.—Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Noyes.

Rev Mr. Kimball, delegate to the General Association of Conn., reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

Rev. Mr. Cooke, delegate to the General Association of Mass., made a similar report.

The Committee chosen to confer with Rev. Mr. Bouton, relative to the publication of his sermon, further reported, as follows: — Mr. Bouton consents to the publication of the sermon. Whereupon, they

Recommended, that a Committee of three Ministers in the neighborhood of Rev. Mr. Bouton, be associated with him as a Committee to superintend the publication of said sermon, with such additional notes as they may think expedient.

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That said Committee be authorized to sell or dispose of the remainder at their discretion, and that they report their doings to the next meeting of this body.

The above report was accepted and adopted, and a Committee chosen as was recommended, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Abraham Burnham, D. J. Noyes and B. P. Stone.

The report of Committee on "narratives of the state of religion," was read.—The report was accepted and adopted.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Resolved, that the Association recommend to the churches connected with this body, that they insist upon it as a rule, that members of other churches residing among them for the space of one year, become connected with them, and in case they neglect to do so, that they be reported to the churches of which they are members.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported as follows:—

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To the General Association of Massachusetts—

Rev. J. Pomeroy.	Rev. D. O. Morton.

To the Ceneral Convention of Vermont—

Rev. A. Richards.	Rev. L. Tenney.

To the General Conference of Maine—

Rev. L. Conant.	Rev. W. R. Jewett.

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Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843,	6	12	18		2	2			1	1			
Boscawen, East,	Caleb Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837,			*250										
" West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837,	56	97	153	4		4	4		3	7		10	10
Bradford,					†119										
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842,	29	56	85										
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843,	54	95	149		3	3	1			1			
Concord, 1st,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1845,	65	184	294	4	2	6	7		3	10	3	2	5
" West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 24, 1833,			*220										
" South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1887,	63	133	196	2	3	5			1	1	2	13	15
" East,	Winthrop Fifield,	March 24, 1847,	37	75	112	1		1	1		2	3		2	2
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	22	69	91		2	2	2	3	1	6			
Henniker,	no rep't for last 4 y'rs														
Hill,	John LeBosquet,	April 27, 1843,	12	40	52					1	1	2			
Hopkinton,	Edwin Jennison,	Jan. 6, 1847,			246	2	4	6	11		2	13		1	1
Loudon Village,	no rep't for last 4 y'rs														
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808,	35	110	145	1	2	3	2	1	4	7	1	2	3
Salisbury,	Destitute.		6	12	18	2	6	8	3		5	8	6	4	10
Sanbornton bridge and Northfield,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843,	34	73	107	1		1	5			5	1	2	3
Warner,	R. W. Fuller.	June 10, 1846.	42	48	90	1	4	5	3		3	6	2		2
Wilmot,	Nathan Howard,		9	16	25	2	1	3			2	2			
20 churches.	16 ministers.				2370	20	29	49	39	5	28	72	15	36	51

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MINUTES.

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The following Delegates from District Associations, and from Corresponding Bodies, were present:—

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Caledonia,	"	none.
Deerfield,	"	Rev. Messrs. J. C. Page, Chas. Willey.
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Adjourned to meet at a quarter past 1 o'clock.

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The report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Voted, that the Association take a recess for the purpose of giving place to the New Hampshire Bible Society. After the recess, the Association resumed its session.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was re-appointed Treasurer, and Rev. Nathaniel Bouton Auditor.

Voted, that the Scribes, together with Rev. Mr. Dexter, be a Committee to publish the minutes.

Rev. Mr. Burnham was added to the Committee.

Voted, that the number of copies of the minutes of the Association to be printed, and the manner of their distribution, be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this city for their hospitality, and to the choirs of singers for their acceptable services.

Voted to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, August 24.—Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Noyes.

Rev Mr. Kimball, delegate to the General Association of Conn., reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

Rev. Mr. Cooke, delegate to the General Association of Mass., made a similar report.

The Committee chosen to confer with Rev. Mr. Bouton, relative to the publication of his sermon, further reported, as follows: — Mr. Bouton consents to the publication of the sermon. Whereupon, they

Recommended, that a Committee of three Ministers in the neighborhood of Rev. Mr. Bouton, be associated with him as a Committee to superintend the publication of said sermon, with such additional notes as they may think expedient.

That they procure the printing of five hundred copies.

That when printed, they forward by stage or otherwise, to some member of each District Association, a number sufficient to supply every member of the Association, with a copy to be paid for by the same, at such price as said Committee shall direct.

That said Committee be authorized to sell or dispose of the remainder at their discretion, and that they report their doings to the next meeting of this body.

The above report was accepted and adopted, and a Committee chosen as was recommended, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Abraham Burnham, D. J. Noyes and B. P. Stone.

The report of Committee on "narratives of the state of religion," was read.—The report was accepted and adopted.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Resolved, that the Association recommend to the churches connected with this body, that they insist upon it as a rule, that members of other churches residing among them for the space of one year, become connected with them, and in case they neglect to do so, that they be reported to the churches of which they are members.

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	PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
To the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, (Annual.)		
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	Rev. A. Richards.	Rev. L. Tenney.
To the General Conference of Maine—		
	Rev. L. Conant.	Rev. W. R. Jewett.

But, amid all the darkness and trials, there are also causes of gratitude and encouragement.

The constant preaching of the gospel is enjoyed by most of the churches.

The Assembly's Catechism is loved more strongly, the more this best uninspired compendium of doctrine is known, and used in Sabbath Schools.

The number of those who attend the public worship of God on the Sabbath in this State is increasing.

There seems to be a growing interest in the Sabbath School. Greater numbers attend Summer and Winter, and sound doctrinal instruction is increasing

On the whole, there seems to be an increasing interest in the cause of benevolence.

Several new houses of worship have been erected; two new congregations have risen up in Fishersville, and one church has been organized, and another may be, in that growing village.

Another thing which cheers our hearts is, the prospective religious improvement of our College. The appointment to the Professorship of Divinity of one of our brethren,* in whose piety, soundness of faith, and literary and theological attainments we have so much confidence, increases our hope respecting the spiritual interests of that Institution. And we entreat the ministers and churches through the State, to pray that the Divine Spirit may bless this new instrumentality, and sanctify the students by his grace, that they may go forth, in increasing numbers, to fill up the ministry, and to bless the church.

But there is yet another cause of gratitude more inspiring than any. The converting influences of the Spirit have been, to some extent, granted. In Nelson, Lebanon, Orford West, Portsmouth, Candia, Chester, Mason Village, Rindge, Nashua, Concord, Raymond, and some other places there have been dews of grace, and some conversions. Something like thirty in two of these places, and forty in another are the professed subjects of grace; and in another between fifty and sixty have united with the church. In some of the places named strong hopes are entertained that a richer blessing will soon be granted. For these influences of the Spirit of God we have special reason to praise his name, and to take encouragement to seek Him by earnest prayer for a more general and copious rain.

From the Green Mountains some refreshing breezes have come to us, and some pure and sparkling streams are flowing down their sides.

The spirit of the Pilgrims still loves to dwell in their chosen State, and those pious and far-seeing men live again all over that State, marching in the van of that nation of 20,000,000, which has derived its institutions, and character, and in great part its numbers from the 101, who first set their feet on the Rock of Plymouth.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (old school,) we rejoice to hear that the Lord has increased their ministers to 1860, and their church members to 200,000; and that there is such a spirit of vigorous life in that extended church, providing so liberally for the education of the young, for the support of aged ministers, and for the conversion of the world.

And from the youngest member of the sisterhood in correspondence with us—represented here by letter of her Delegate—viz. Iowa, we are greatly cheered to hear that she is growing so fast, and bids fair to become one of the most healthful, strong and beautiful of the whole family of our American Zion.

In behalf of the Committee,

R. PAGE.

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* Rev. DANIEL J. NOYES, Concord.

STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1 This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

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Rev. Mr. Burnham was added to the Committee.

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SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

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			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	66	96	162	2	6	8	1		5	6	1	5	6
Charlestown,	J. DeForest Richards,	May 28, 1841.	23	48	71		1	1	2		2	4		1	1
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	73	136	209	4	6	10	2		5	7	7	4	11
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	35	59	94	1		1							
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	33	53	86						4	4			
Dartmouth Coll.,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 20, 1842.			*252										
Enfield,	Benj. Burge,	July, 1840.	11	16	27				1			1			
Hanover Centre,	David Kimball,	Stated supply.			128				4		3	7		3	3
Goshen,					*52										
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 8, 1840.			*26										
Lebanon,	Phinehas Cooke,	May 13, 1829.	64	130	194				5	1	2	8			
Lempster 1st ch.	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	38	57	95	2	6	8	1			1	1	2	3
Lempster 2d ch.					*42										
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	18	46	64	2	3	5	2		1	3	1	1	2
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	78	127	205	2	3	5	6		9	15	5		5
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	8	28	36	1		1	1		1	2			
Unity,					*12										
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.			*36										
18	15				1791										

Unsettled Ministers.—Prof. C. B. Haddock, Hanover, and Aaron Wait, Jr., Andover. * Last year's report.
Licentiates.—A. Wood and Cyrus Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

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Antrim,	John M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.													
Bennington,	Albert Manson,	Nov. 3, 1841.	21	41	62				3		3	6		2	2
Greenfield, Evan.	David P. Smith,	May 8, 1845.			128				1		1	2		2	2
Greenfield, 1st	Noah Emerson,	Stated supply.	27	41	68	3	4	7			1	1	1		1
Hancock, [Cong.	Archibald Burgess,	Dec. 25, 1822.	78	128	206		1	1	5		1	6		7	7
Hillsboro', 1st Con	Elihu T. Rowe,*	May 29, 1845.	35	56	91				3	1	4	8			
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	22	43	65				1		1	2		2	2
Deering,	Edmund Burt,	Stated supply.	13	38	51						2	2		3	3
Francestown,	Jonathan M'Gee,	Aug. 16, 1843.	135	240	375	1	9	10	5		12	17	1	6	7
Lyndeboro',	Claggett,	1846.	Not reported.												
New Boston,	Erastus M. Kellogg,	June 26, 1845.	56	125	181	1	2	3	8		3	11		4	4
Peterboro',	Henry J. Lamb,	1847.	Not reported.												
12	12														

Unsettled Ministers.—William Richardson, removed to Manchester; J. R. French, engaged in the Seaman's cause; I. Kimball, removed to Maine.

* Rev. E. T. Rowe, has for the present removed to Derry to take charge of the Adams Female Academy.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

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			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Colebrook,	C. W. Richardson.		27	79	106										
Lancaster,			14	62	76										
Dalton,			20	28	48										
Whitefield,			10	16	26										

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Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.
Grafton & Coos,	August & Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.
Cheshire & Sul'van	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.

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N. B. The publication of the Minutes has been delayed in order to ascertain the place of the next meeting of the Association. For Standing Rules of the Association, see Minutes for 1848.

STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1 This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz:—One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen, by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nomination shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the association; nor shall the moderator while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session the minutes of the preceeding day shall he read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their Churches, Ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their Churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

10. The Publishing Committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the district associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the Eastern and Western sections of the State.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and, with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meeting, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers; that Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the New Hampshire Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other subjects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and finally, that a Sermon adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Meeting-House of the First Congregational Church in Manchester, on Tuesday, August 22, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Nath. Bouton, from Zech. 1:5—"Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?"

The following Delegates from District Associations, and from Corresponding Bodies, were present:—

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap	Association,	Rev. Messrs. A. Benson, J. K. Young.
Caledonia,	"	none.
Deerfield,	"	Rev. Messrs. J. C. Page, Chas. Willey.
Derry,	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Holmes, L. Armsby.
Harmony	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Blake, N. Barber.
Hollis	"	Rev. Messrs. S. T. Allen, L. P. Kimball, S. Lee.
Hopkinton,	"	Rev. Messrs. D. O. Morton, D. J. Noyes, E. Buxton, B. P. Stone.
Lancaster	"	none.
Manchester	"	Rev. Messrs. T. Savage, W. H. Porter.
Orange	"	Rev. M. C. Searle.
Monadnock	"	Rev. Messrs. L. Tenney, L. Townsend, M. Gerould, S. Rogers.
Piscataqua	"	Rev. Messrs. R. W. Clark, H. Barrows, W. J. Newman, J. T. McCollom.
Sullivan	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, J. F. Griswold, D. Sawyer, B. F. Lawrence.
Union	"	Rev. J. McGee.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary.*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Treasurer.*
Rev. Messrs. C. W. Wallace, H. M. Dexter, *Ministers of the place.*

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (annual,) Rev. R. Taylor.
" " " " (triennial,) none.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. C. Marsh.
" " Connecticut, none.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. W. Wright.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. J. Rogers.
General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. T. Waterman.

General Association of New York, Rev. J. P. Thompson.
General Association of Michigan, none.

Rev. T. Savage was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. T. McCollom, Scribe; and Rev. S. T. Allen, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at a quarter past 1 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary. Rev. Messrs. R. W. Clark, C. W. Wallace and R. F. Lawrence, were chosen a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. W. J. Newman, C. Willey of N. H., R. Taylor of N. J., J. Rogers of Me., T. T. Waterman of R. I., and C. Marsh of Mass., were appointed a Committee to take notes, and prepare a report on the state of religion.

The narratives of the state of religion in the District Associations were then given; also, narratives of the state of religion within their respective limits, were given by the delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

Voted to adjourn to meet at this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 23.—Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Burnham.

A communication from the Third Presb. of N. Y., was read, in reference to irregularities of Corresponding Bodies, in receiving licentiates and ministers without recommendation.

Wherefore, it was voted, That we appreciate the views expressed in that communication, and that this Association will conform to the wishes therein contained.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be given to Rev. Mr. Bouton for his able and appropriate sermon, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for the press.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Bouton in reference to the publication of said sermon. Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, A. Burnham and J. K. Young, were chosen a Committee for that purpose.

A Committee was appointed to certify the standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of the State, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, E. L. Parker, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, A. Bodwell, E. J. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage and R. W. Clark.

Rev. Messrs. J. F. Griswold and L. Armsby were appointed a Committee to report the place of next meeting, and also the local Association that shall furnish the preacher.

Rev. Messrs. Samuel Lee, J. Blake and D. O. Morton were chosen a Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. Messrs. J. DeForest Richards and J. G. Davis were chosen a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

On leave, Rev. Mr. Willey made some statements relative to the City Mission in Manchester. Rev. Messrs. Seymour and Thompson made remarks on the same subject.

Whereupon, a Committee was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report at this meeting. Rev. Messrs. Willey, Young and Woods, were appointed said Committee.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. Mr. Cooke, which was accepted and referred to the publishing committee for publication.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Edwards.

The Association was then addressed by Dr. Edwards, on the subject of the Sabbath—and by Rev. Mr. Clark in reference to the Education Society. Addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Emerson, agent of the Am. Protest. Society; Rev. Mr. Hovey, agent of For. Ev. Society; Rev. Mr. Fergurson, agent of Tract Society; Rev. Mr. French, Seamens' Chaplain at Havanna; Rev. Mr. Gibson, agent of Am. Sunday School Union; Rev. Mr. Bullard, agent of Mass. Sunday School Society; Rev. Mr. Ellis, agent of the Society for the promotion of Theological and Col. Education at the West; and Rev. Mr. Gleason, agent of the A. B. C. F. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Lee.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

1. That we highly approve of the object and operations of the American and Foreign Sabbath Union, and of their plan of putting a copy of the Sabbath Manual into every family that is disposed to receive it, throughout the United States.

2. That we especially approve of the plan of furnishing a copy of it for all Foreign Immigrants, in their own language; and, also, a copy of the Temperance Manual, and of the New Testament; for we cannot but believe that the accomplishment of this object would greatly promote their good and the good of the country.

3. That we cordially recommend the above mentioned Manuals to the families of our own congregations, and to all the families throughout the State.

4. That in our opinion the American Protestant Society has a claim upon the confidence and encouragement of Evangelical Christians, and we recommend that our churches cordially sustain it by their contributions.

5. That we most earnestly recommend that the ministers in our connexion throughout the State, present at sometime during the year, the claims of the Am. Ed. Soc., and give their congregation an opportunity to contribute to its funds.

6. That we cordially approve of the Mass. Sab. School Soc., and commend it to the confidence and patronage of our churches; while we would express to the Board of Managers our desire that its name may be so modified as to be no longer local, but co-extensive with the enterprise, being called the *Puritan Sabbath School Society*.

That we accept their offer of blank forms of annual reports for our Sabbath Schools, and recommend that the same when filled out by the Superintendants or Pastors, be returned to the Secretary for publication, in connexion with the annual report of said Society.

That we regard as peculiarly hopeful, the efforts of this Society to revive and extend the use of the N. E. Primer and Assembly's Catechism in families and Sabbath Schools, and that we should rejoice to have it collect from the benevolent in N. H., the funds requisite to place this excellent manual of the doctrines

and duty of Christianity in each of the families connected with the churches and congregations represented in this body.

7. That the Association reaffirm the recommendations passed by it on former occasions, of the following Benevolent Societies, viz :—Of the American Sunday School Union: that its object and publications deserve the confidence and support of christians and patriots.

Of the Am. Seamen's Friend Society. That engaged as it is in behalf of a most important class of our fellow men, it deserves the co-operation, prayers and contributions of all christians.

Of the Am. Tract Society. That we recommend to pastors and churches a continued co-operation with it, in its efforts to supply this State, our country and the world with a sanctified literature.

Of the Foreign Evangelical Society. That it has continued claims upon the friends of vital godliness, as it aims to disseminate christian knowledge, and to resuscitate the spirit of christianity in Papal Countries.

And of the Society for the promotion of Theological and Collegiate Education in the West. That we approve of it, as an important part of the instrumentalities for the salvation of the West, and the conversion of the world.

Voted to adj'rn to meet this afternoon at a quarter past 1 o'clock, in the Franklin Street Church.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

Rev. D. J. Noyes was appointed preacher for the communion season for next year, and Rev. John Wood of Langdon, substitute.

The Committee appointed to consult with Rev. Mr. Bouton, relative to the publication of his Sermon, reported in part, viz :—That in their opinion it is expedient that the sermon be published. The report, so far as made, was accepted.

Voted, that the subject of the place of next meeting, be left with the publishing committee, who subsequently, upon correspondence with Rev. Mr. Jewett, decided that it be at PLYMOUTH.

Voted, that the Manchester Association appoint the preacher for next year.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

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Rev. L. Conant.	Rev. W. R. Jewett.

To the General Association of Michigan, and the General Association of Iowa—

Rev. Caleb Tracy. Rev. Leonard Swain.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—

Rev. M. C. Searle. Rev. D. P. Smith.

To the General Association of New York—

Rev. H. M. Dexter. Rev. S. T. Allen.

The report was accepted and the above named Delegates were chosen.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the City Mission, made their report.

It was then voted to adjourn to meet in this place ta a quarter past one o'clock.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

Voted that a communication be opened with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States.

The Report on the City Mission in Manchester was again taken up, and it was

Voted that the report be accepted.

Voted that this report be remanded to the Committee, to be published, with certain modifications, in the Congregational Journal, together with an appeal to the Churches on the subject therein discussed.

The following resolution was then passed—

Resolved, That it is recommended by the General Association of this State, that the Churches which have not already done it, take up a collection for the erection of a Free Church in the city of Manchester, (for the use of a City Missionary,) to be held in trust by the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

The minutes of the doings of this body were read, accepted and adopted.

Voted to adjourn after the Communion.

Rev. A. Burgess preached from 2 Cor. 9:15—"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift," and the Communion was administered by Rev. C. Marsh and P. Cooke of Mass. THOS. SAVAGE, Moderator.

J. T. McCollom, Scribe,

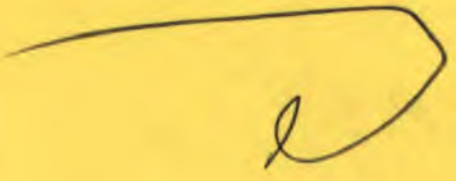
S. T. Allen, Assistant Scribe.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee in presenting a general view of the state of religion within the State, gleaned from the reports of the District Associations, as presented at this meeting, would invite attention—

1st. To the *harmony* existing in the churches, and the kind christian fellowship which is at present enjoyed. We are not so far removed from times of excitement and divisions as to render such report valueless. Many of the ministers of the Gospel can well remember the time when the efforts put forth to build up the kingdom of our Redeemer were rendered ineffectual, and they felt disheartened, because the attention and the heart of the church was occupied and kept occupied upon agitating subjects. They dreaded the storm. They found it hard to stand at the helm, while the excited passions of those who should put forth their energy in the right management of the ship, were expended in contention, and the vain endeavor to make the wind blow from the opposite direction. They then thought if these passions should only be allayed, they should find cause for gratitude, and abundant occasion of encouragement in the endeavor to interest the hearts of believers in their appropriate work. The storm has passed. No church is reported as divided; on the contrary an unusual degree of harmony exists in all the churches. Let us not now murmur because of the calm, but bless God that he has in answer to prayer allayed the evil passions of men, while we pray for the breath of heaven to render adapted and effectual the means employed to extend the influence of truth.

From the reports presented, we ought 2dly, to refer *to the general and increased attention to the institutions of religion* throughout our bounds. Congregations on the Sabbath are larger. The attendance is becoming more regular, and from this fact we may confidently learn that the Gospel is more highly appreciated than it was formerly. More minds are brought under the influence of truth which God has widely adapted to convince them of their need of the Gospel, and to leave them to self-renunciation, penitence and faith. Let us rejoice over this fact. During the past year it is believed that not only the churches have become more attached to the Assembly's Catechism, but the reason for this increased attachment to such a book is to be traced to the influence of the pulpit. In the absence of excitement, has not the attention of the church been more than usually turned to the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel, calmly, logically, and with too little feeling presented? and may not the increased attendance be accounted for in this way? Nothing interests man more, nothing exerts the same kind of influence over the conscience and heart. Probably the increased attendance upon the service of the sanctuary may also be accounted for by the fact that the pulpit has exerted more influence and spoken kindly, yet decidedly upon most, if not all the moral subjects in which the community is interested.—



STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1 This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz:—One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen, by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nomination shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the association; nor shall the moderator while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session the minutes of the preceeding day shall he read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the secretary.

General Association of New York, Rev. J. P. Thompson.
General Association of Michigan, none.

Rev. T. Savage was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. T. McCollom, Scribe; and Rev. S. T. Allen, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at a quarter past 1 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary. Rev. Messrs. R. W. Clark, C. W. Wallace and R. F. Lawrence, were chosen a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. W. J. Newman, C. Willey of N. H., R. Taylor of N. J., J. Rogers of Me., T. T. Waterman of R. I., and C. Marsh of Mass., were appointed a Committee to take notes, and prepare a report on the state of religion.

The narratives of the state of religion in the District Associations were then given; also, narratives of the state of religion within their respective limits, were given by the delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

Voted to adjourn to meet at this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 23.—Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Burnham.

A communication from the Third Presb. of N. Y., was read, in reference to irregularities of Corresponding Bodies, in receiving licentiates and ministers without recommendation.

Wherefore, it was voted, That we appreciate the views expressed in that communication, and that this Association will conform to the wishes therein contained.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be given to Rev. Mr. Bouton for his able and appropriate sermon, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for the press.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Bouton in reference to the publication of said sermon. Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, A. Burnham and J. K. Young, were chosen a Committee for that purpose.

A Committee was appointed to certify the standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of the State, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, E. L. Parker, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, A. Bodwell, E. J. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage and R. W. Clark.

Rev. Messrs. J. F. Griswold and L. Armsby were appointed a Committee to report the place of next meeting, and also the local Association that shall furnish the preacher.

Rev. Messrs. Samuel Lee, J. Blake and D. O. Morton were chosen a Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. Messrs. J. DeForest Richards and J. G. Davis were chosen a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

On leave, Rev. Mr. Willey made some statements relative to the City Mission in Manchester. Rev. Messrs. Seymour and Thompson made remarks on the same subject.

Whereupon, a Committee was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report at this meeting. Rev. Messrs. Willey, Young and Woods, were appointed said Committee.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. Mr. Cooke, which was accepted and referred to the publishing committee for publication.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Edwards.

The Association was then addressed by Dr. Edwards, on the subject of the Sabbath—and by Rev. Mr. Clark in reference to the Education Society. Addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Emerson, agent of the Am. Protest. Society; Rev. Mr. Hovey, agent of For. Ev. Society; Rev. Mr. Fergurson, agent of Tract Society; Rev. Mr. French, Seamens' Chaplain at Havanna; Rev. Mr. Gibson, agent of Am. Sunday School Union; Rev. Mr. Bullard, agent of Mass. Sunday School Society; Rev. Mr. Ellis, agent of the Society for the promotion of Theological and Col. Education at the West; and Rev. Mr. Gleason, agent of the A. B. C. F. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Lee.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

1. That we highly approve of the object and operations of the American and Foreign Sabbath Union, and of their plan of putting a copy of the Sabbath Manual into every family that is disposed to receive it, throughout the United States.

2. That we especially approve of the plan of furnishing a copy of it for all Foreign Immigrants, in their own language; and, also, a copy of the Temperance Manual, and of the New Testament; for we cannot but believe that the accomplishment of this object would greatly promote their good and the good of the country.

3. That we cordially recommend the above mentioned Manuals to the families of our own congregations, and to all the families throughout the State.

4. That in our opinion the American Protestant Society has a claim upon the confidence and encouragement of Evangelical Christians, and we recommend that our churches cordially sustain it by their contributions.

5. That we most earnestly recommend that the ministers in our connexion throughout the State, present at sometime during the year, the claims of the Am. Ed. Soc., and give their congregation an opportunity to contribute to its funds.

6. That we cordially approve of the Mass. Sab. School Soc., and commend it to the confidence and patronage of our churches; while we would express to the Board of Managers our desire that its name may be so modified as to be no longer local, but co-extensive with the enterprise, being called the *Puritan Sabbath School Society*.

That we accept their offer of blank forms of annual reports for our Sabbath Schools, and recommend that the same when filled out by the Superintendants or Pastors, be returned to the Secretary for publication, in connexion with the annual report of said Society.

That we regard as peculiarly hopeful, the efforts of this Society to revive and extend the use of the N. E. Primer and Assembly's Catechism in families and Sabbath Schools, and that we should rejoice to have it collect from the benevolent in N. H., the funds requisite to place this excellent manual of the doctrines

and duty of Christianity in each of the families connected with the churches and congregations represented in this body.

7. That the Association reaffirm the recommendations passed by it on former occasions, of the following Benevolent Societies, viz :—Of the American Sunday School Union; that its object and publications deserve the confidence and support of christians and patriots.

Of the Am. Seamen's Friend Society. That engaged as it is in behalf of a most important class of our fellow men, it deserves the co-operation, prayers and contributions of all christians.

Of the Am. Tract Society. That we recommend to pastors and churches a continued co-operation with it, in its efforts to supply this State, our country and the world with a sanctified literature.

Of the Foreign Evangelical Society. That it has continued claims upon the friends of vital godliness, as it aims to disseminate christian knowledge, and to resuscitate the spirit of christianity in Papal Countries.

And of the Society for the promotion of Theological and Collegiate Education in the West. That we approve of it, as an important part of the instrumentalities for the salvation of the West, and the conversion of the world.

Voted to adj'rn to meet this afternoon at a quarter past 1 o'clock, in the Franklin Street Church.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

Rev. D. J. Noyes was appointed preacher for the communion season for next year, and Rev. John Wood of Langdon, substitute.

The Committee appointed to consult with Rev. Mr. Bouton, relative to the publication of his Sermon, reported in part, viz :—That in their opinion it is expedient that the sermon be published. The report, so far as made, was accepted.

Voted, that the subject of the place of next meeting, be left with the publishing committee, who subsequently, upon correspondence with Rev. Mr. Jewett, decided that it be at PLYMOUTH.

Voted, that the Manchester Association appoint the preacher for next year.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Voted, that the Association take a recess for the purpose of giving place to the New Hampshire Bible Society. After the recess, the Association resumed its session.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was re-appointed Treasurer, and Rev. Nathaniel Bouton Auditor.

Voted, that the Scribes, together with Rev. Mr. Dexter, be a Committee to publish the minutes.

Rev. Mr. Burnham was added to the Committee.

Voted, that the number of copies of the minutes of the Association to be printed, and the manner of their distribution, be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this city for their hospitality, and to the choirs of singers for their acceptable services.

Voted to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, August 24.—Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Noyes.

Rev Mr. Kimball, delegate to the General Association of Conn., reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

Rev. Mr. Cooke, delegate to the General Association of Mass., made a similar report.

The Committee chosen to confer with Rev. Mr. Bouton, relative to the publication of his sermon, further reported, as follows: — Mr. Bouton consents to the publication of the sermon. Whereupon, they

Recommended, that a Committee of three Ministers in the neighborhood of Rev. Mr. Bouton, be associated with him as a Committee to superintend the publication of said sermon, with such additional notes as they may think expedient.

That they procure the printing of five hundred copies.

That when printed, they forward by stage or otherwise, to some member of each District Association, a number sufficient to supply every member of the Association, with a copy to be paid for by the same, at such price as said Committee shall direct.

That said Committee be authorized to sell or dispose of the remainder at their discretion, and that they report their doings to the next meeting of this body.

The above report was accepted and adopted, and a Committee chosen as was recommended, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Abraham Burnham, D. J. Noyes and B. P. Stone.

The report of Committee on "narratives of the state of religion," was read.—The report was accepted and adopted.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Resolved, that the Association recommend to the churches connected with this body, that they insist upon it as a rule, that members of other churches residing among them for the space of one year, become connected with them, and in case they neglect to do so, that they be reported to the churches of which they are members.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported as follows:—

To the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, (Annual.)

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. D. J. Noyes.	Rev. R. F. Lawrence.

To the General Assemby of Presbyterian Church, (Triennial.)

Rev. J. DeForest Richards.	Rev. C. W. Wallace.

To the General Association of Connecticut—

Rev. A. Benson.	Rev. R. W. Clark.

To the General Association of Massachusetts—

Rev. J. Pomeroy.	Rev. D. O. Morton.

To the Ceneral Convention of Vermont—

Rev. A. Richards.	Rev. L. Tenney.

To the General Conference of Maine—

Rev. L. Conant.	Rev. W. R. Jewett.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Bethlehem,	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10	18	28		2	2	2	1	1	4			
Franconia,	" "	" "	6	12	18										
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 15, 1842.	33	86	119		2	2	5			5		4	4
3 churches.	2 ministers.		49	116	165		4	4	7	1	1	9		4	4

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845,	59	90	149	8	8	16	1		8	9	4	3	7
Deerfield,	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841,			116		1	1			4	4		2	2
Epsom,	Rufus A. Putnam,	May 5, 1847,	36	73	109	1	2	3	8		3	11			
Loudon,	Destitute.				*85										
Northwood,	do.				†115										
Nottingham,					5										
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845,	59	104	163	3		3	5		5	10		3	3
Raymond,	John C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			146	2	11	13	1		1	2	5	2	7
8 churches.	5 ministers.				888	14	22	36	15		21	36	9	10	19

* Returns of 1845. † Last year's returns.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	24	48	72		3	3			1	1		3	3
Auburn,	James Holmes,	" "	13	27	40		4	4						2	2
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	88	153	241		2	2			5	5		6	6
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	85	108	193	8	3	11	6	3	3	12	2	7	9
Derry Village,	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837,	43	94	137		1	1	3	1	1	5		2	2
" Pres. church,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810,	110	145	255		3	3	5			5		12	12
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct., 1837,	30	60	90	3	2	5	2		1	3	1	5	6
Pelham,	Eden B. Foster,	June 21, 1848,	30	64	94						4	4		4	4
Salem,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Stated supply.	13	35	48	2	5	7	2			2	1		1
Windham, Pres. ch.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	62	90	152	4	2	6	1	1	4	6		7	7
10 churches.	10 ministers.				1322	17	25	42	19	5	19	43	4	48	52

Unsettled minister,—Rev. John Kelly, Hampstead.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Conway,	Vacant.		28	40	68				3		4	7	2	1	3
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1942,	24	51	75	7		7	2	2	1	5	2	1	3
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 1828,	36	43	79	1		1			1	1			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply,	25	51	76				2		2	4	7	7	14
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845,	49	114	163	16	5	21	2		2	4			
Sandwich, 1st ch.	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842,	26	54	80		1	1	2		2	4			
" 2d ch.	" " ¼ time,		9	13	22								1		1
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843,	76	148	224	1	1	2	4		4	8			
Tuftonborough,	J. S. Winter, ¼ time,	Stated supply,	16	15	31	1		1	2			2			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply,	14	31	45				4		1	5			
Effingham,	Vacant.		13	29	42										
Hebron and Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply,	4	20	24										
			17	17	34										
Danbury,	Dan'l Pulcifer,	1844,	28	33	61										
Thornton,	Wm. P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1848.	11	16	27									1	1
Wolfboro', 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply,	16	47	63		2	2	3	2		5		2	2
" 2d ch.	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843,	21	37	58	2		2		1		1	2	8	10
16 churches.	13 ministers.		413	779	1182	28	9	37	24	5	17	46	14	20	34

Unsettled minister,—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	InPts.	To
Amherst,	J. G. Davis,	May 22, 1844,	87	198	285	2	5	7	5		6	11	1	3	4
Brookline,	D. Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1838,	26	53	79	1		1	1		1	2	1		1
Hollis,	E. Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790,	73	130	203	1	5	6	3			3	1	4	5
Mason,															
" Village,			26	46	72		1	1	2			2		1	1
Merrimack,	S. T. Allen,	May 22, 1839,	31	75	106	2	3	5			1	1	2	1	3
" Un. Ev.	S. H. Tolman,	Stated supply,			30				2			2			
Milford,	L. P. Kimball,	May 19, 1847,	96	169	265		2	5	3	2	1	6		2	2
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841,	54	119	173		1	1	2		2	4		3	3
Nashua, Olive st.	A. Richards,	April 6, 1836,			350	8	10	18	30		3	33	5	3	8
New Ipswich,	Sam'l Lee,	May 5, 1836,	125	221	346	4	3	7	4	2	5	11	1	5	6
Ridge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821,	90	158	248	2	4	6	1		2	3	1	6	7
Temple,	W. Follett,	July 25, 1844.	31	75	106	1		1			1	1		1	1
Wilton,	C. Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843,	44	65	109		5	5	3			3		4	4
14 churches.	12 ministers.				2372	21	39	60	56	4	22	82	12	33	45

Unsettled ministers,—Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis; Rev. J. W. Shepherd, Nashua.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843,	6	12	18		2	2			1	1			
Boscawen, East,	Caleb Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837,			*250										
" West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837,	56	97	153	4		4	4		3	7		10	10
Bradford,					†119										
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842,	29	56	85										
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843,	54	95	149		3	3	1			1			
Concord, 1si,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1845,	65	184	294	4	2	6	7		3	10	3	2	5
" West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 24, 1833,			*220										
" South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1887,	63	133	196	2	3	5			1	1	2	13	15
" East,	Winthrop Fifield,	March 24, 1847,	37	75	112	1		1	1		2	3		2	2
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	22	69	91		2	2	2	3	1	6			
Henniker,	no rep't for last 4 y'rs														
Hill,	John LeBosquet,	April 27, 1843,	12	40	52					1	1	2			
Hopkinton,	Edwin Jennison,	Jan. 6, 1847,			246	2	4	6	11		2	13		1	1
Loudon Village,	no rep't for last 4 y'rs.														
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808,	35	110	145	1	2	3	2	1	4	7	1	2	3
Salisbury,	Destitute.		6	12	18	2	6	8	3		5	8	6	4	10
Sanbornton bridge and Northfield,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843,	34	73	107	1		1	5			5	1	2	3
Warner,	R. W. Fuller.	June 10, 1846.	42	48	90	1	4	5	3		3	6	2		2
Wilmot,	Nathan Howard,		9	16	25	2	1	3			2	2			
20 churches.	16 ministers.				2370	20	29	49	39	5	28	72	15	36	51

Unsettled ministers,—E. Price; Wm. Patrick; B. P. Stone; H. Wood.

* Last year's report. † Report of 1845.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Bedford, Pres. ch.	Thomas Savage,	1826,			150		1	1	1		3	4		2	2
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830,	37	104	141		1	1	1		3	4			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837,	42	67	109				1		3	4		1	1
Hooksett,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply,	9	36	45	3	8	11	2		1	3	1	3	4
Hudson,	Wm. Page,	Aug. 14, 1844,			80		2	2			1	1			
Litchfield, Pres. ch.,	Wm. H. Porter,	Oct. 29, 1845,	9	11	20	1		1			1	1			
Londonderry, Pres.,	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840,			*207		3	3		1	3	4		6	6
Manchester, 1st ch.,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 1840,	75	157	232	5	24	29	14			14	1	5	6
" Franklin st.	H. M. Dexter,	Nov. 6, 1844,	50	84	134	5	41	46	7		1	8	1	10	11
Nashua, 1st ch.,	Destitute.				500			25	16	1	2	19			
" Pearl st. ch.	Leonard Swain,	1846,	40	82	122	14	33	47	8		1	9	5	8	13
11 churches.	10 ministers.				1740	28	113	166	50	2	19	71	8	35	43

Unsettled ministers,—J. L. Seymour; W. Richardson; J. Jones; S. Lamson. * 30 of these are non-residents.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Bath,	E. Cleaveland,	July 31, 1844,	32	58	90						6	6		3	3
Canaan,			13	29	42										
Haverhill,	M. C. Searle,	Stated supply,	28	126	154	4	5	9	6		6	12	1	5	6
" North,	S. Delano,	Stated supply,	7	11	18		3	3	1		1	2			
Lyme,	E. Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831,	146	268	414	3	5	8	7		3	10	1	3	4
Orford, E.	D. Campbell,	Stated supply,	48	44	*92						3	3			
" W.	Wm. Clark,	Stated supply,	21	60	24										
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply,	40	80	120				1		1	2			
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,		15	34	47		1	1			2	2			
9 churches.	7 ministers.				1058	7	14	21	15		22	37	2	11	13

* Of these, 40 are non-residents.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fo's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Alstead,	Robert Crossett,	May 3, 1843,	25	60	85	3	1	4	2	5		7	1	5	6
" New,	James W Perkins,	Oct. 26, 1847,	35	59	94	25	3	28	7	1	4	12	7	2	9
" P. Mill Vil.	Seth S. Arnold,	Stated supply,	17	32	49	2	7	9					2		2
Chesterfield,	W. A. Patten,	Stated supply,	16	50	66										
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall.	Oct. 21, 1840,	13	31	44				1			1		3	3
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins,	Feb. 16, 1348,	69	131	190	2	4	6	1		3	4	1	3	4
Gilsum,	James Tisdale,	Stated supply,	13	31	44	2		2			1	1	2		2
Harrisville,	Jeremiah Pomeroy,	Stated supply,	23	34	57				4		2	6			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844,	46	60	106		2	2	8	2		10			
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, Leonard Lenney,	Dec. 10, 1782 Mar. 19, 1845	49	128	177	4		4	4		3	7	3	2	5
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818,	68	230	298	3	5	8	7	1	5	13		21	21
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply,	30	67	97		3	3	1		2	3			
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1841,			115				7			7		3	3
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams,	Stated supply,	13	23	36				1		1	2		1	1
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D.D.	Jan. 5, 1893,			60		2	2			2	2		2	2
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845,	28	56	84		1	1	2		1	3		3	3
Surry,	Destitute.		3	18	21										
Swanzy,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 16, 1836,	21	50	71				3		2	5		2	2
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845,	23	51	74				2		3	5			
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	Aug. 6, 1845,	34	91	125	6	5	11	3		2	5	3	7	10
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply,	36	104	140										
Winchester,	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847,	64	144	208	1	3	4	8		4	12		9	9
22 churches.	22 ministers.				2241	48	36	84	61	9	35	105	19	63	82

Unsettled minister,—Gad Newell, Nelson.

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PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died. T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845,	19	32	51						2 2		7	7
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841,	23	54	77								4	4
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845,	79	281	*360	2	6	8	2		8 10	1	4	5
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833,	14	59	73									
Epping,	Enoch Corser,	Stated supply,	9	28	†37									
Exeter, 1st church,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1825,	46	89	135				9		5 14			
" 2d do	Isaac Hurd, S. D. Dexter,	Sept. 11, 1817 1847,	22	86	108	24	8	32	2		3 5	4		4
Farmington,	Benja. G. Willey,	Stated supply,	9	15	24						1 1		2	2
Greenland,	Edwin Holt,	1848,	10	34	44		3	3	1		1			
Hampton,	E. D. Eldredge,	April 4, 1838,	61	127	188	2	2	4	2		7 9	1	1	2
Kingston,	John Smith,	July 26, 1848.	17	44	61	4	1	5	2		3 5			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply,	30	61	91						1 1			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply,	9	21	30						1 1			
Newington,	Destitute.		1	6	7						1 1			
Newmarket,	E. C. Cogswell,	Stated supply,	35	63	‡98									
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801,	61	98	159	1		1						
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842,			335	12	7	19	2		6 8	6	4	10
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843,	19	83	102								2	2
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847,	37	79	116	1	2	3			3 3	1		1
Seabrook & H. Falls	Sereno T. Abbot,	July 12, 1837,	28	52	80	1		1	3		2 5	1	3	4
Somersw'th Gt. F'ls,	Jas. T. McCollum,	Oct. 2, 1844,	33	90	123	1	5	6	6		1 7	1	2	3
do Salmon Falls,	Sam'l J. Spaulding,	Oct. 28, 1846,	23	32	55	7	11	18				4		4
South New Market,	Destitute.				20				1		2 3			
Stratham,	Wm. J. Newman,	Nov. 2, 1836,	19	36	55	1	1	2	2		2 4	1	3	4
24 churches.	23 ministers.				2329	56	46	102	32		48 80	20	32	52

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SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846,	72	114	186	23	1	24	3		3	6	7	8	15
Charlestown,	J. De F. Richards,	May 28, 1841,	20	46	66	1		1		2		2		2	2
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839,	70	134	204	4	4	8	6		2	8	3	3	6
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835,	34	57	91				3		1	4		1	1
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply,	33	50	83					1	2	3			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D.D.	April 20, 1842,	93	151	244	4	7	11	15		4	19	1	3	4
Enfield,	Destitute.		11	16	27									2	2
Hanover Centre,	do				128										
Goshen,	Abel Manning,	Stated supply,	23	30	53										
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 3, 1840,	11	19	30									2	2
Lebanon,	Destitute.		42	90	132		1	1	3			3			
Lempster, 1st chh.	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846,	34	52	86				6		3	9		2	2
" 2d "	Destitute,		15	15	*30						3	3			
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840,			†64										
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 23, 1824,	73	124	197		1	1	5		5	10		8	8
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply,	9	30	39	2	2	4			1	1	1		1
Unity,	Destitute,				13										
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply,	8	24	32						1	1			
18 churches.	13 ministers.				1705	34	16	50	41	3	25	69	12	31	43

Unsettled ministers,—Prof. Charles B. Haddock, David Kimball, Hanover; John Walker, Claremont; Phinehas Cook, Amherst, Ms.; Aaron Wait, Jr., Andover.

Licentiates,—A. Wood and C. S. Richards, Meriden.

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UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Antrim, Presb'n,	J. M. Whiton, D. D.,	Sept. 22, 1808.	50	125	175	1	5	6	2		7	9		2	2
Bennington,	Albert Manson,	Nov. 3, 1841,	20	40	60	1		1		3		3	1	3	4
Deering,	E. Burt,	Stated supply,	15	38	53									7	7
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,	Aug. 16, 1843,			375	2	1	3	4		5	9		5	5
Greenfield, Ev. ch.	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1845,	30	101	131	2		2	1			1		6	6
do Cong'l ch.	N. Emerson,	Stated supply,	21	46	71	2	2	4			1	1	1	3	4
Hancock,	Archibald Burgess,	Dec., 1842,	75	130	205				4		4	8		5	5
Hillsboro' Centre,	Robert Paige,	Stated supply,	34	53	87	1	1	2	1		4	5		4	4
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843,	21	42	63	3		3	5		1	6	2	12	14
Lyndeboro'	E. B. Claggett,	1846,	55	93	148	1	6	7	5		3	8		6	6
New Boston, Presb.,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	53	115	168	1	4	5	14		2	16		8	8
Peterborough do	Henry J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847,			160	2	10	12						4	4
12 churches.	12 ministers.				1696	16	29	45	36	3	27	66	4	65	69

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	24	38	62				3		2	5		5	5
Dalton,	Destitute.				33				7		1	8			
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply,			74	2		2	2			2			
Whitefield,	Destitute.				18	1		1							
4 churches.	2 ministers.				187	3		3	12		3	15		5	5

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Belknap,	9	7		2		1084		7	7	17	2	20	39		11	11
Caledonia,	3	1	1			165		4	4	7	1	1	9		4	4
Deerfield,	8	5		3		888	14	22	36	15		21	36	9	10	19
Derry,	10	7	3		1	1322	17	25	42	19	5	19	43	4	48	52
Harmony,	16	8	5	1	1	1182	28	9	37	24	5	17	46	14	20	34
Hollis,	14	11	1	2	3	2372	21	39	60	56	4	22	82	12	33	45
Hopkinton,	20	16		4	4	2370	20	29	49	39	5	28	72	15	36	51
Lancaster,	4		2	2		187	3		3	12		3	15		5	5
Manchester,	11	9	1	1	4	1740	28	113	166	50	2	19	71	8	35	43
Monadnock,	22	15	7	1	1	2241	48	36	84	61	9	35	105	19	63	82
Orange,	9	2	5	1		1058	7	14	21	15		22	37	2	11	13
Piscataqua,	24	18	5	2		2329	56	46	102	32		48	80	20	32	52
Sullivan,	18	9	4	5	7	1705	34	16	50	41	3	25	69	12	31	43
Union,	12	9	3			1696	16	29	45	36	3	27	66	4	65	69
14 Associations.	180	117	37	24	21	20,339	292	389	706	424	39	307	770	119	404	523

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THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE met at the Congregational Meeting House in Plymouth on Tuesday, August 28, 1849, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. THOMAS SAVAGE, from Exodus iv. 14, "Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well."

The following delegates from District Associations and Corresponding Bodies were present.

Belknap Association,	Rev. Messrs.	A. Bodwell and Rufus Childs.
Caledonia	"	Rev. E. I. Carpenter.
Deerfield	"	Rev. O. Holmes.
Derry	"	Rev. P. B. Day.
Harmony	"	none.
Hollis	"	Rev. Messrs. H. Moore, B. Smith, and J. W. Shepard.
Hopkinton	"	Rev. Messrs. Corban Curtice, H. Moody, R. W. Fuller, and N. Howard.
Lancaster	"	Rev. S. A. Barnard.
Manchester	"	Rev. Messrs. I. Willey, and C. W. Wallace.
Orange	"	Rev. Wm. Clarke.
Monadnock	"	Rev. Messrs. J. W. Perkins, and H. A. Kendall.
Piscataqua	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Ward, R. W. Clark, J. T. McCollom, and S. T. Abbott.
Sullivan,	"	Rev. Messrs. Jacob Scales, J. DeF. Richards, and A. Spaulding.
Union	"	Rev. Messrs. J. M. Whiton, D. D., and Robert Page.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., *Secretary.*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Treasurer.*
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, *Minister of the place.*

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, (old school,) Rev. Thomas L. Janeway.
do do do (new school,) none.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. E. W. Bullard.
do do Connecticut, none.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Amos Foster.
General Conference of Maine, none.
General Consociation of Rhode Island, none.
General Associations of New York and Michigan, none.

Rev. W. Salter, delegate from General Association of Iowa, detained at New York, sent kind salutations.

Rev. John M. Whiton, D. D., was chosen Moderator; Rev. Messrs. Jacob Scales, Scribe, and Isaac Willey, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary.

Rev. Messrs. J. DeF. Richards, Bezaleel Smith, and Wm. R. Jewett were chosen a committee of nominations and overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Robert Page, Humphrey Moore, D. D., R. W. Fuller, Thomas L. Janeway, and Amos Foster were appointed to take notes and prepare a report on the state of religion.

Voted to meet at half past one, P. M., and at eight, A. M.

Adjourned to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

Heard the report of Rev. Mr. Stone, respecting the printing and sale of Mr. Bouton's sermon before the Association last year, and Messrs. J. T. McCollom and Isaac Willey were appointed to report on the business remaining unfinished. They reported, that it is expedient for the Association to assume the debt for printing the sermon, to allow the author twenty additional copies, and distribute the remainder among the District Associations in proportion to the taxes paid. Their report was accepted and adopted.

Voted, that the Treasurer distribute the remaining copies, and pay the debt.

Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, E. L. Parker, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and E. W. Clark, were appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates going abroad.

Heard the report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund; and voted to renew the recommendation, that every minister pay one dollar to that fund, to be collected and paid over by those who collect the taxes in the several Associations.

Voted, a tax of fifty cents on each member, and chose Rev. A. Burnham, Treasurer, and N. Bouton, Auditor.

Chose Rev. Messrs. A. Burnham, R. W. Clark, and C. W. Wallace to report on the place for meeting next year; who reported Great Falls, Somersworth, as the place.

Voted that Orange Association furnish a preacher of the opening sermon.

Appointed Rev. John Smith to preach the communion sermon next year, and Rev. Robert Page to be his substitute.

Chose Rev. A. Richards and Rev. T. Savage to prepare the Pastoral Address.

The Narratives on the State of Religion in the District Associations, and in Corresponding Bodies were read by the several delegates.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to allow the Agents of the several Benevolent Societies ten minutes each for addresses. Heard their addresses.

Whereas kind and friendly intercourse between different Evangelical bodies is exceedingly desirable,

Therefore voted, that the Secretary of this Association be instructed to express to the "General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States," our deep Christian sympathy, and to request that body to open a fraternal correspondence with us by an interchange of delegates or otherwise. A letter from that church was read and referred to Rev. Messrs. McCollom and Curtice, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Editor of the Congregational Journal be requested to publish the plan of Union proposed by the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Association it is desirable that pastors should make renewed and continued efforts to increase the devotional character of the singing in the religious exercises of the Sabbath.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 30.

Met according to adjournment.

Accepted and adopted the report of the committee nominating delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Primaries.	Substitutes.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (old school,)	
Rev. R. F. Lawrence,	Rev. Benjamin P. Stone.
do	do (new school,)
Rev. C. W. Wallace,	Rev. Isaac Willey.
To the General Association of Connecticut,	
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett,	Rev. C. Whiting.
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Rev. Jonathan French,	Rev. Homer Barrows.
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To the General Association of Michigan and Iowa,	
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To the General Consociation of Rhode Island,	
Rev. Enoch Corser,	Rev. Samuel Lee.
To the General Association of New York,	
Rev. E. S. Wright,	E. I. Carpenter.
To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in U. S. A.	
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Agreeably to the Constitution of the Widows' Charitable Fund, the Trustees of said Fund make to your venerable body their Annual Report:

Our Annual Meeting was held in the North Church, at Concord, June 6, 1849.

After hearing and accepting the Treasurer's Report, the following officers were elected.

Rev. N. BOUTON, *President.*

Rev. A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

Hon. F. N. FISK, *Treasurer.*

Rev. N. BOUTON and Hon. S. MORRIL, *Auditors.*

Rev. N. BOUTON, A. BURNHAM, and Hon. F. N. FISK, *Executive Committee.*

And then, upon suitable testimonials, voted to receive Widow Lucretia D. Burge on to our list of Beneficiaries.

Contribution after the sermon, was - - - $11,55.

Adjourned, sine die. A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

The Executive Committee then held their Annual meeting, and appropriated

To Mrs. Pillsbury,	$20,00	To Mrs. Hull,	$20,00
Mrs. Thompson,	20,00	Mrs. Dow,	20,00
Mrs. Burge,	20,00	Mrs. Clary,	20,00
		Mrs. Nichols,	20,00

should the Committee, on inquiry, find it necessary. Amounting to $140,00.

As a specimen of the grateful emotions with which this sacred charity is received by our beneficiaries, take the following brief note, addressed to our President, with the receipt for her appropriation.

KINGSTON, FULTON COUNTY, N. Y., June 21, 1849.

REV. MR. BOUTON,

DEAR SIR,—I received your kind letter in due time with the enclosed twenty dollars. I desire to be very humble, and grateful to the Trustees, and all the beloved donors of the Widows' Charitable Fund, for so precious a gift. Also would I acknowledge with deepest gratitude the continued kindness of my Heavenly Father towards my bereaved family. His goodness has been in an especial manner manifested unto us. When our way has seemed dark and impenetrable as to the future, God, in his rich mercy, has lighted up our path before us. We would ascribe all the praise unto Him. Never will our kind friends and benefactors be forgotten by the Widows and orphans at the throne of grace.

Our earliest and latest prayer will ever be, that God will reward them with the richest of heaven's blessings while on earth, and in Heaven give them crowns of unfading glory at His right hand.

Very respectfully, yours,

RUTH B. THOMPSON.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

Pembroke, August, 1849.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Meredith Bridge,	John H. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	56	128	184		3	3	3		6	9		1	1
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	43	74	117				4		1	5			
Gilmanton East,	William Cogswell, D. D.	Stated supply.			71				1		1	2			
Gilmanton Centre,	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	54	82	136	1		1	5		5	10	1	4	5
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	50	99	149				3		3	6		1	1
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	19	33	52		3	3	2		2	4		1	1
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	51	80						1	1			
Loudon 1st church,	Edward F. Abbot,	Stated supply.			60	1		1	1	3	3	7		1	1
Alton,			1	7	8										
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.				7	5	12							
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	48	120	168	7	5	12			7	7	1	4	5
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	23	47	70	3		3	6		2	8	3	3	6
12	11				1095			35				59			20

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Bethlehem, }	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10	17	27						1	1			
Franconia, }			6	11	17				1			1		2	2
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 15, 1842.	32	85	117				2			2		2	2
3	2		48	113	161							4			4

Rev. Drury Fairbank of Littleton and Rev. David Sutherland of Bath, without charge.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms Ad.	In.	To
Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845.	54	86	140					1	7	8		6	6
Deerfield,	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.			96				2		4	6		2	2
Epsom,	R. A. Putnam,														
Loudon,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.													
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Stated supply.	33	50	83						2	2			
Nottingham,					5										
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.			161	2	1	3	4		1	5	1	8	9
Raymond,	J. C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			140	15		15							
8	7		81	136	625	17		18	6	1	14	21	1	16	17

Unsettled Ministers—Josiah Carpenter, Chichester; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; Josiah Prentice, Northwood.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To	Baptisms Ad.	In.	To
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.													
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Stated supply.	15	29	44	1	4	8			1	1		2	2
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	114	180	294	53	5	58	1		4	5	24	4	28
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	90	114	204	12	6	18	2	1	4	7	7	7	14
Derry Village,	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	43	92	135				2			2			
" Presbyterian Ch.,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810.													
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.													
Pelham,	Eden B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.													
Salem, [Church,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Stated supply.	13	33	46						2	2		2	2
Windham Presbyterian	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	62	92	154	2	2	4	1		4	5		11	11
10	10		337	540	877	68	17	85	6	1	15	22	31	26	57

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Conway,	Tappan,	1849.	28	40	68										
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	1844.	28	33	61										
Effingham,	Chapman	Stated supply.													
Hebron and Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.													
Moultonborough,	Vacant.		36	43	79										
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	26	49	75	2		2	1		2	3		1	1
Sandwich 1st church,	Vacant.		26	54	80										
" 2d church,	Vacant.		9	13	22										
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	72	146	218		4	4		1	9	10			
Tuftonborough,	Vacant.		15	16	31										
Thornton,	Wm. P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1848.	11	16	27										
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	14	31	45		1	1			2	2			
Wolfborough, 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply.	19	45	64									2	2
" 2d ch.	Hobart,	Supply.	20	36	56						2	2			
14	10				826			7				14			2

Unsettled Ministers—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth. Messrs. O. Holmes and J. Dodge dismissed within the year.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addit'ns			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Le.	To	Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Ad.	In.	To
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	115	216	331		1	1	3	2	9	14		6	6
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	85	159	244	11	3	14	5		4	9	4	2	6
Milford,			85	121	206	4	6	10						1	1
Mason Village,	Wm. Olmsted,	April 11, 1849.	42	70	112	30	10	40					15	1	16
Mont Vernon,	Bezaleel Smith,	1841.	53	119	172	2		2	1		3	4		3	3
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	25	51	76						3	3		1	1
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	1844.	87	199	286	7	4	11	2		5	7	3	5	8
Wilton,	Charles Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843.	44	63	107	3		3	3		2	5	1		1
Nashua, 1st Cong. Ch.	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.			450	7	12	19	5		2	7	3	2	5
Nashua, Olive st.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.													
Mason,															
Merrimack,	Stephen T. Allen,	May 22, 1839.													
South Merrimack,	Samuel H. Tolman,		12	21	34										
Temple,	W. Follet,	July 25, 1844.													
Hollis,	Gordon,														
15	18				2018			100				49			

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	7	12	19	1	1	2			1	1	1		1
Boscawen, East,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 18, 1837.			*220										
Boscawen, West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	56	99	155	4	1	5			3	3			
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.			85				1	2	2	5			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	46	90	136		1	1	3		3	6		2	2
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 28, 1825.	62	185	247	5	7	12	6	2	6	14		4	4
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 24, 1833.	68	138	206	1		1	2		6	8		6	6
Concord South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.			224	16	20	36	13		5	18	2	13	15
Concord East,	Winthrop Fifield,	March 24, 1847.	36	74	110						2	2			
Franklin,	W. T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	25	71	96		2	2	2			2			
Henniker,	R. T. Searle,	Dec. 1, 1847.	66	155	221	2	4	6	2			2	3		3
Hill,	Destitute.														
Hopkinton,	Christopher M. Cordley,	Sept 6, 1849.			203		1	1	5		3	8		1	1
Loudon Village,	J. N. Jones,	Stated supply.	13	35	48				1		1	2			
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	35	105	140	3	1	4	3		5	8	1	3	4
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,		27	46	73	2	4	6	1		2	3	2	2	4
Northfield & Sanborn-	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	37	71	108	1	5	6	1		4	5	1	5	6
Warner, [ton Bridge,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	43	47	90		5	5	2	1	2	5			
Wilmot,	C. W. Richardson,	Stated supply.	10	13	23		2	2			1	1			
Fisherville,	Isaac Knight,	Stated supply.	8	17	25	2	3	5					1	1	2
20	19				2379	37	57	93	42	5	46	94	11	37	48

Unsettled Ministers—E. Price, Wm. Patrick, B. P. Stone, H. Wood.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addit'ns.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Le.	To	Di.	Ex.	Die.	To	Ad.	In	To
New Alstead,	J. W. Perkins,	October, 1847.	49	62	111	1	2	3	1	1	5	7		1	1
1 Ch. Alstead,	R. Crossett,	May 3, 1843.	22	57	99	2	1	3	4	1	3	8	1	3	4
Paper Mill Village,	Seth S. Arnold,	Stated supply.	14	28	42				5			5			
Chesterfield,	Destitute.		13	38	51										
Dublin,	H. A. Randall,	October 21, 1840.	18	33	51	3	5	8	2		1	3		4	4
Fitzwilliam,	A. Jenkins, Jr.,	February 16, 1848.	63	123	186	1	1	2	10		6	16		6	6
Gilsum,	Abraham Jackson,	Stated supply.	9	22	31	1		1						1	1
Hinsdale,	M. Gerould,	October 30, 1844.	38	66	104	6	1	7	1	11	1	13			
Jaffrey,	L. Tenney,	March 19, 1845.	47	122	169						1	1			
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	66	231	297	2	2	4	3		2	5		3	3
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	30	67	97		2	2			1	1			
Nelson,	D. L. French,	November 4, 1841.	49	72	121	18	1	19	3		2	5	8	1	9
Harrisville,	J. Pomroy,	Pastor.	25	46	71	12	3	15	3		1	4	5		5
Roxbury,	E. Adams,	Stated supply.	12	23	35	2	1	3	2		1	3		1	1
Stoddard,	J. Robinson, D. D.	January 5, 1803.													
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	February 4, 1846.	29	59	88	5	1	6	1		1	2	3	3	6
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	August 6, 1845.	28	89	117	1	1	2	7		6	13		12	12
Westmoreland,	S. Rogers,	Stated supply.	20	70	90	1	2	3	2		3	5		7	7
Winchester,	L. R. Humphrey,		66	142	208	2	1	3	7		1	8	2	3	7
Swanzey,	E. Rockwood,	October 16, 1836.	14	40	54										
Troy,	L. Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	25	53	78	2	3	5	2			2	2	1	3
21	20				2101			85				99			69

Unsettled Ministers—Gad Newell, Nelson; James Tisdale.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Manchester 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,	January 8, 1840.	77	137	214	2	9	11	13		2	15		3	3
Bedford, Pres. church,	Thomas Savage,	1826.			150	last year.									
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.			141	last year.									
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	40	67	107						2	2			
Hooksett,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply.													
Hudson,	Wm. Page,	August 14, 1844.	25	62	87	10	2	12							
Litchfield,	Wm. H. Porter,	October 29, 1845.													
Londonderry, Pres	T. G. Brainard,	November 5, 1840.			207	last year.									
8	8				906			23				17			3

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Bath,	E. Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	59	92		2	2						3	3
Canaan,			13	29	42										
Haverhill,			26	77	103	9	2	11	10		3	13	4		4
Haverhill North,	S. Delano,	Stated supply.	9	14	23	2		2						1	1
Lyme,	E. Tenny,	January 5, 1831.	145	270	415	11	3	14	6		11	17	5	3	8
Orford East,*	E. R. Hodgman,	Stated supply.	47	42	89				1		2	3			
Orford West,	Wm. Clark,	May 17, 1848.	30	74	104	20	4	24			1	1	6		6
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	36	74	110				2		1	3		2	2
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1832.	15	30	45	1		1							
9	6	* 48 non-residents.			1023	43	11	54	19		17	36	15	9	24

Unsettled Minister—Nathan Lord, D. D.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	19	31	50						1	1			
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	22	52	74					1	2	3			
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	75	283	358	2	9	11	5		7	12	1		1
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	14	61	75	2	2	4	1	1		2	2	2	4
Epping,	Destitute.		9	22	31						2	2			
Exeter 1st church,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	45	86	131	4	1	5	5		4	9	2	2	4
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd, / S. D. Dexter,	Sept. 11, 1817. / Dec. 2, 1847.			108		4	4	2		2	4	2	1	3
Farmington,	Benjamin G. Willey,	Stated supply.	9	15	24						1	1			
Greenland,	Edwin Holt,	1848.	10	34	44		1	1			2	2			
Hampton,	Solomon Fay,	About to be settled.	60	126	186				1		1	2		2	2
Kingston,	John Smith,	July 27, 1848.	16	45	61		2	2	1		3	4			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	31	57	88		2	2		2	4	6			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	9	21	*30										
Newington,	Destitute.		1	6	*7										
New Market, Lamprey River,	Elliot C. Cogswell,	June 1, 1849.	34	71	105	4	11	15	3		2	5	1		1
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801.	59	91	150				2	1	6	9		5	5
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842.	80	260	340	19	6	25		1	3	4	7	16	23
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	75	94	3	3	6	1	1	3	5	3		3
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	38	78	116	1		1			1	1		1	1
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	26	49	75	2		2			4	4	2	6	8
Rollinsford, Salmon Falls,	Samuel J. Spaulding,	Oct. 28, 1846.	28	39	67	6	7	13			1	1	5		5
Somersworth, Great Falls,	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	32	90	122	1	2	3	2		2	4	1	1	2
South New Market,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	6	14	20						2	2			
Stratham,	Destitute.		19	36	55									1	1
24	22	* From last year's report.			2411	44	50	94	23	7	58	83	26	27	63

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	72	111	183	2	1	3	2		4	6	1	3	4
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 28, 1841.	19	48	67	1	3	4	1		2	3	1	3	4
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	70	134	204	3	5	8	3	1	4	8	2	5	7
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	32	57	89	2	1	3	2		3	5			
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	33	50	83		3	3						2	2
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 20, 1842.	91	145	236	1	3	4	8		4	12		1	1
Enfield,	Destitute.														
Hanover Centre,															
Goshen,															
Langdon,*	Nelson Barber,	Stated supply.	13	21	34				1		1	2		2	2
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Stated supply.	56	107	163	18	2	20	2		5	7	10	3	13
Lempster 1st,	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	34	50	84	2	3	5	4		1	5	1	2	3
Lempster 2d,	Destitute.														
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 2, 1840.	20	55	75	3	2	5	1		1	2		1	1
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 23, 1824.	67	119	186		2	2	7		6	13		4	4
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	9	30	39		1	1						2	2
Unity,	Destitute.														
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	8	22	30						1	1			
18	13				1473			58				64			43

Unsettled Ministers—Prof. C. B. Haddock and David Kimball, Hanover. *Licentiates*—John N. Putnam, Lyman White, and Cyrus Richards.

* Rev. John Wood of Langdon dismissed January 23, 1849.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Antrim,	John M. Whiton,	September 28, 1808.	46	130	176	2	2	4			3	3			
Bennington,	Albert Manson,	November 23, 1841.	19	39	58				2			2		5	5
Deering,	Destitute.		15	38	53										
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,	August 16, 1843.			364	2	3	5	10		6	16	2	7	9
Greenfield, Evangelical	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1845.									2	2		2	2
" Congregational	J. LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	23	49	72	1	3	4			2	2		9	9
Hancock,	Archibald Burgess,	December, 1822.	75	130	205										
Hillsboro' Centre,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	32	52	84	2		2	1		4	5	1	6	7
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	November 15, 1843.	19	37	56				5		2	7			
Lyndeboro',	E. B. Claggett,	September 30, 1846.	52	90	142	1		1	3		4	7		5	5
New Boston,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	51	110	161	3	3	6	7		6	13		5	5
Peterboro',	Henry J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			160										
Bradford,	Daniel Goodhue,		37	74	111		3	3			1	1			
13	12				1642	11	14	25	28		30	58	3	39	42

NOTE. The returns from Hancock, Peterboro', and Deering, are taken from last year's Report.
Unsettled Minister—J. L. French, Seamen's Preacher, Havanna.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	20	36	56				4		2	6		
Dalton,	Destitute.		9	19	28									
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply.	14	58	72									
Stewartstown,	Josiah Morse,	Stated supply.			28		2	2						
Whitefield,	Destitute.				16									
5	3				200			2				6		

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Comm'cts.	Added.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	12	11	1095	35	59	20
Caledonia,	3	2	161		4	4
Deerfield,	8	7	625	18	21	17
Derry,	10	10	877	85	22	57
Harmony,	14	10	826	7	14	2
Hollis,	15	13	2018	100	49	47
Hopkinton,	20	19	2379	93	94	48
Lancaster,	5	3	200	2	6	
Manchester,	8	8	906	21	19	3
Monadnock,	20	19	2101	85	99	69
Orange,	9	6	1023	54	37	24
Piscataqua,	24	22	2411	94	83	63
Sullivan,	18	13	1473	58	64	43
Union,	13	12	1642	15	58	42
Total,	179	155	17,737	677	629	439

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION
FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.*
Strfford, Belk. & Carroll,	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb & March.
Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	August & Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

N. B. The publication of the Minutes has been delayed in order to ascertain the place of the next meeting of the Association. For Standing Rules of the Association, see Minutes for 1848.

MINUTES

OF THE

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OF

New Hampshire,

1850.

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ANNUAL MEETING

IN

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MINUTES.

The GENERAL ASSOCIATION of New Hampshire met, agreeably to appointment, in the Congregational Meeting House at Great Falls, Somersworth, on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1850, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a Sermon by Rev. NATHAN LORD, D. D., Pres. of Dart. College, from 1 Cor. 2 : 6, 7.

After Sermon, the preacher took the chair and the following persons presented certificates of their appointment as delegates from the District Associations, viz :—

ASSOCIATIONS.	DELEGATES.
BELKNAP,	Rev. Liba Conant. Rev. Wm. P. Gale. Rev. Enos George.
CALEDONIA,	None.
DEERFIELD,	None.
DERRY.	Rev. John M. C. Bartley. Rev. Loren Thayer.
HARMONY,	Rev. N. Barker.
HOLLIS,	Rev. Samuel Lee. Rev. E. N. Hidden. Rev. D. Goodwin.
HOPKINTON,	Rev. W. Fifield. Rev N. Bouton. Rev. E. D. Eldridge.
LANCASTER,	None.
MANCHESTER,	Rev. T. G. Brainerd. Rev. E. G. Little.
ORANGE,	None.
MONADNOCK,	Rev. Stephen Rogers. Rev. E. H. Barstow. Rev. John P. Humphrey. Rev. E. Adams.
PISCATAQUA,	Rev. R. D. Hitchcock. Rev. John E. Farwell. Rev. Samuel J. Spaulding. Rev. Theodore Wells.
SULLIVAN,	Rev. John Woods. Rev. Daniel Sawyer. Rev. John Richards, D, D.
UNION,	Rev. E. B. Claggett. Rev. E. M. Kellogg.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., *Secretary.*
Rev. Abraham Burnham, D. D., *Treasurer.*
Rev. J. T. McCollom, *Minister of the place.*

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, New School, Rev. Jacob Little.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Erastus Maltby.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. A. Taylor.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Francis Williams.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. Sewall Tenney.
General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. Moses Ordway.
General Association of Illinois, Rev. R. C. Bristol.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. N. BOUTON was chosen Moderator:
Rev. E. H. BARSTOW Scribe: and
Rev. JOHN P. HUMPHREY Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the Standing Rules of the Association were read by the Secretary.

Adjourned to half past one, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment and proceeded to the choice of a committee of overtures and nominations. Rev. J. T. McCollom, Rev. John Richards, D. D. and Rev. Samuel Lee were chosen this committee.

Voted, That the times of meeting be 8 o'clock, A. M., and half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, Rev. D. Goodwin, Rev. L. Thayer, Rev. J. Little and Rev. T. A. Taylor were appointed a committee to prepare a report of the state of religion.

The Delegates appointed to corresponding bodies last year gave their report.

After singing, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, the Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies gave a report of the state of religion within their respective bounds, in the course of which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Willey of Goffstown.

Rev. D. Goodwin and Rev. W. Fifield were appointed a committee to designate the place of the next meeting and also the Association to furnish a Preacher.

Rev. J. French and Rev. S. T. Abbott were chosen a committee to prepare the next Pastoral Letter.

Rev. Messrs. J. French, J. T. McCollom, A. W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and R. W. Clark, were appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State.

Rev. Dr. Richards, late delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, gave his report. He did not attend the meeting of the Synod, but had correspondence with the body. They accept our christian salutations and desire a continuance of correspondence, requesting a delegation from us at their next meeting in 1853.

The Piscataqua Association presented a memorial which was referred to a committee of five, viz.: Rev. Messrs. R. D. Hitchcock, N. Bouton, J. E. Farwell, T. Savage, and E. D. Eldridge. After prayer by Rev. D. Goodwin, the Association adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by by Rev. W. Fifield.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read. The report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented. Voted, That the report be adopted and published with the Minutes.

Rev. Dr. Burnham, Treasurer of the Association, next presented his report, which was accepted and adopted.

Rev. A. Burnham, D. D. was chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing and Rev. N. Bouton, Auditor.

Listened to the Pastoral Address by Rev. T. Savage, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The hour of half past 1 o'clock this afternoon, was assigned for the discussion of the Piscataqua memorial.

Voted to allow TEN MINUTES to each of the agents of benevolent societies present. Accordingly, after prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tenney, delegate from Maine, Rev. Mr. French addressed the Association in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society; Rev. Mr. Ellis, in behalf of the Society for promoting Theological und Collegiate Education at the West; Rev. Mr. Bullard, Mass. Sabbath School Society; Rev. Mr. Ferguson, the Am. Tract Society; and Rev. Dr. Dickinson, Am. and Foreign Christian Union. Rev. Mr. Ballentine, Mis-

sionary from India and Rev. Mr. Stoddard of Persia next addressed the Association in behalf of missions.

Voted a recess to give place for the exercises of the anniversary of the N. H. Branch of the Am. Education Society.

At the close of these exercises adjourned till half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

The committee on the place and preacher for the next meeting made their report. Upon which it was voted that Piscataqua Association furnish the preacher for the next year. The subject of place was referred to the Scribes.

The hour previously assigned for the consideration of the Piscataqua memorial having arrived, Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, from the committee, presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the committee of five, to whom was referred the memorial of the Piscataqua Association, asking the General Association of New Hampshire to entertain the question of changing its organization to that of a General Conference, be instructed to prepare a plan of organization for a General Conference, to be laid before the District Associations, to be acted upon at their January meeting, or earlier if they please; the results to be brought together at the next meeting of the General Association.

After a brief discussion the resolution was adopted.

Voted, That the plan of organization, prepared by this committee, be published in the Congregational Journal.

The Association spent the next hour in devotional exercises and addresses. Rev. Messrs. Lee and Taylor offered prayers, and Messrs. W. Clark, E. B. Foster, T. Savage and N. Bouton made addressses.

Voted, to have a recess to give place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Bible Society.

After the recess the committee of nominations reported the following list of delegates to corresponding bodies, which report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:—

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.)

PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Rev. B. P. Stone,	Rev. John Richards, D. D.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

Rev. I. Willey,	Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
To the General Association of Massachusetts.	
Rev. Homer Barrows,	Rev. A. W. Burnham
To the General Association of Connecticut.	
Rev. Charles Whiting,	Rev. L. Tenney.
To the General Convention of Vermont.	
Rev. E. H. Barstow,	Rev. Robert Page.
To the General Conference of Maine.	
Rev. J. E. Farwell,	Rev. Charles Shedd.
To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.	
Rev. Samuel Lee,	Rev. D. Goodwin.
To the General Association of Illinois.	
Rev. John M. Ellis,	Rev. E. B. Claggett.
To the General Association of Michigan.	
Rev. John M. Ellis,	Rev. Otis Holmes.
To the General Association of Iowa.	
Rev. E. C. Cogswell,	Rev. Giles Leach
To the General Association of New York.	
Rev. E. I. Carpenter,	Rev. E. N. Hidden.
To the General Convention of Wisconsin.	
Rev. John M. Ellis.	
To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church U. S. A.	

A resolution was presented respecting holding fraternal correspondence with other Evangelical bodies in the State; which on motion was indefinitely postponed.

After prayer by the Rev. J. E. Farwell the Association adjourned till tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29.

Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Burnham. The Minutes of the preceding day were read.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Am. Tract Society and through it to the munificent individuals who have presented to the ministers of this State the prize essays on Systematic Beneficence.

Voted, That the Scribes with Rev. Dr. Richards be the publishing committee, and that they procure 600 copies of the Minutes.

Voted a tax of 50 cents on each member of the District Associations the ensuing year.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the

people of this place for their generous hospitalities, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, That the names of the Clerks of the several District Associations be printed together on a separate page of the Minutes.

Voted, That the form of a schedule for the annual report of the state of the churches be printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the Rev. Robert Page be the preacher before the Communion for the next year, and Rev. E. B. Foster be his substitute.

The narrative of the state of religion was read, upon which it was voted that it be accepted, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

The following resolution respecting incomplete returns from District Associations was presented and adopted, viz :—

Resolved, that *incomplete returns* from our District Associations be reckoned *inexcusable.*

Voted, That the Minutes thus far be accepted.

Spent a season in devotional exercises. Prayer was offered by Rev. Messrs. E. Adams, Brainerd and Ferguson, and addresses made by Rev. Mr. Clark, of the Franklin Street Church, Manchester, and Rev. Dr. Barstow.

The Association then gave place to the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, to meet again immediately after the Communion.

The Sacramental Sermon was preached by Rev. John Smith, of Kingston, from Ps. 102 : 16.

Rev. Messrs. Lee and Bouton officiated at the table.

Met according to adjournment, and after uniting in prayer with Rev. Dr. Richards,

Adjourned sine die.

N. BOUTON, *Moderator.*

E. H. BARSTOW, *Scribe.*

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee appointed to report on the State of Religion within the bounds of this General Association, would be glad to present the exact statistics of the matter. They would be glad to tell you how many churches there are; what portion of them have pastors; how many are served by stated supplies; and how many are destitute. They would be glad to tell you the present number of our communicants; how many have been added within the year; and how many removed. They would be glad to tell you also of our ministers; who have joined our ranks; and what changes have occurred. But the incompleteness of the returns before us forbids such exactness. We can only make a few general statements, hoping that the loose and rapid sketch will be a tolerably correct one.

In regard to numbers, our impression is, that the additions and the removals have been nearly equal. The inroads made by death have been repaired by accessions from the world. *Large* accessions, as the fruit of remarkable outpourings of the Spirit, are nowhere reported. But in many places, where only the ordinary means of grace have been employed, has God appeared, to rebuke the slackness of our zeal, and the blindness of our faith, by calling men from darkness into light. It may be that we are just entering on a new era of our religious development and progress, which is to outdo the era that has gone before it, using more silent methods, and resulting in riper and richer fruits.

As signs pointing in this direction, and heralding a better period, may be mentioned such circumstances as these; a greater manifest stability in the pastoral relation; increased attendance on preaching; the growing strength of our parishes; and a gradual improvement in morals; not to omit the new impulse given of late to the cause of popular education; all of which are conspiring to help the ministry, and, if wisely directed, must needs bring us ere long to very large and comforting results. Only there must be such a depth of Christian experience, such a sense of redemption, such an openness of heart towards God, and such a wise and patient steadiness of outward service, as only here and there a saint has as yet attained to.

Prominent among specific objects of interest, may be named our Sunday Schools, which are thought to be growing in numbers and efficiency; the the cause of Temperance, which, it is feared, is retrograding; and the cause of human freedom, which we love the stronger, and for which we strike the harder, the more we see the defences of it menaced.

As to any light thrown forward, by the year we are now reviewing, upon the year to come, could we only anticipate that tender interest in Divine things, which would manifest itself in fuller meetings of the church for conference and prayer, with that zeal for the kingdom of Christ, which would manifest itself in larger and more systematic contributions for the progress of it, we might feel sure that the set time to favor Zion would be very near at hand.

From Foreign Bodies, represented among us, the reports made have been for the most part cheering. From some of our sister States of New England, from the far West, from amid the mountains of Persia, and from the banks of the Ganges, we have heard of the strivings of God's Spirit, and the marvellous triumphs of his grace.

In conclusion, it is to be noticed, that the past year has been one of unusual mortality among the ministers of New Hampshire. The Rev. Archibald Burgess of Hancock—a man of more than common stability and

strength of character; the Rev. Wm. Cogswell, D. D. of Gilmanton—known to all the churches of our land; the Rev. Samuel D. Dexter of Exeter—a very youthful and accomplished minister of Christ; the Rev. Edward L. Parker of Derry—a model of pastoral fidelity; and the Rev. Isaac Knight of Fishersville—of diligent life and pleasant memory; have all been smitten down in the very midst of their labors and their usefulness. On us who remain there falls now the warning: "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

For the Committee,
ROSWELL D. HITCHCOCK.

PASTORAL LETTER.

BRETHREN,—If we notice attentively the history of the people of God, and mark his dealings with the church in past ages, we shall find that their position has generally been that of waiting expectation of some promised good, rather than actual enjoyment, a state of prayerful desire rather than full fruition. How prolonged was the period between the promise given to our first parents in the garden of Eden and the actual coming of the promised Savior! Patriarchs looked earnestly for him, but his advent was delayed. The prophets enquired and searched diligently what or what manner of time it would be when he should appear. Holy men and holy women were watching and waiting for him who should be the Redeemer of Israel. But the time was still distant, many centuries revolved before the long cherished expectation was fulfilled. Indeed so long was the delay, that the faith of many began to fail. and some even doubted the Divine origin of those predictions that foretold the coming of the Messiah. But in due time these prophecies were fulfilled in the advent of him who came to fulfil the hopes and expectations of those who waited for the consolation of Israel.

Had not God some wise purpose to answer by this delay of his promise? Could he not have shortened the time, and brought the looked for blessing, without the intermediate train of preparatory types and shadows, and the intervention of successive ages? Undoubtedly he could. But where then would have been that trial of faith; where would have been that humble dependence, that patient waiting, that was brought into exercise, while yet the Sun of Righteousness had not risen on the dim twilight of the Jewish dispensation? Had God pursued a different course, and hastened the time, Isaiah might never have been rapt in the sublime strains of prophecy. Had the noon-day of Gospel light come centuries earlier, sinners would never have exclaimed with trusting heart, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation!" Had not ages upon ages rolled away ere the Savior came, Anna had never spoken to those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem, and her piety never been transmitted a rich legacy to future generations.

Brethren, is not God still pursuing this disciplinary course with his people? Is not the true attitude of the church still that of humble expectation, of patient waiting on the Lord, for the development of his plans, and the fulfilment of his purpose on earth? True, we live in the full light of the Gospel; more than eighteen centuries have gone since Christ appeared. We have seen the fulfilment of many glorious prophecies, but brethren, are we any more than on the border of that glorious era of the church to which

we are taught to look forward? Have we yet advanced any farther than to the twilight, compared with the full effulgence of millenial glory? Are there not revivals in prospect, is there not a state of things yet to come, which is not too strongly described, in the language of the poet:—

"O scenes surpassing fable, and yet true—"
"Scenes of accomplish'd bliss; which who can see,
Though but in distant prospect, and not feel
His soul refresh'd with foretaste of the joy?"

Is it visionary to look forward to great things? Are we not justified in the expectation of great blessings? Are there not promises of large outpouring of the Spirit, on which Christians have as yet scarcely laid hold in all the length and breadth of their import?

The great thought, brethren, the leading topic to which we would call your attention, may be already suggested by these remarks. It is this:—

The believing expectation on the part of the church of singular effusions of the Spirit and the conversion of the world, will exert a most happy influence on themselves and mankind.

"For we are saved by hope:—but hope that is seen, is not hope:—for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." Is not such believing expectation connected with earnest prayer for the expected blessing? Old Testament saints prayed earnestly for the advent of the great Deliverer. Abraham amid the oaks of Beersheba, Isaac in the evening meditations of the fields, David in the supplications he has recorded, prayed for that day which dwelt much on their minds, in the midnight hour, and amid noontide heats. It was the subject of their most devout aspiration. It was the great point in which their prayers concentrated. And let the church now be in a waiting attitude, not indeed for Christ's advent, but for the Spirit he promised to send, and what will be the consequence? Will not Christians rise up to a holy fervency of prayer? Will not the supplication, "O Lord, revive thy work," go up from united hearts? Will there not be a beseeching earnestness such as has never before been witnessed? Will the delay of the blessing weaken the spirit of prayer? Will it not rather increase the importunity of those who believe what God has promised?

"Though for a time I hide my face,
Rely upon my love and power;
Still wrestle at a throne of grace,
And wait for a reviving hour."

Is not this humble, devout spirit of expectation, the more to be cherished, as being identified with patient waiting on God for the accomplishment of his plans in the renovation of the world? There are some aspects of the world at the present day that may try the faith of Christians. The Gospel has been in operation more than 1800 years, but as yet comparatively a small proportion of the human family is brought under its influence. Evils abound to a great extent all over the world. War, oppression, violence, have not ceased. The spirit of revival is to a great degree faint and languid. Iniquity abounds; sin triumphs. In such a state of things some may be ready to say, "Where is the promise of his coming?" We have been looking and waiting, but how little has been accomplished? It seems to us, that something more potent, some other remedy than the Gospel, must be brought into action if the world is to be converted. Hence a spirit of restlessness, and impatience, and discontent, on the part even of Christians, because results appear to them so small and insignificant. Hence often a

spirit of mutual crimination and recrimination, churches arrayed against churches in unholy warfare. Hence, too, a spirit of dissatisfaction and agitation, that, in some instances, results in the dissolution of the connexion between pastor and people, and opens the door to every kind of irregularity.

But, brethren, if we are under the influence of Christian hopes and expectations; if we are eagerly looking forward to the promised blessing; if our hearts are animated by the grandeur of the prospects that open on the eye in the vista of future ages, we shall not yield to such temptations; we shall rather cherish a hopeful spirit, even in the lowest time; we shall patiently wait on the Lord, in the use of all appointed means; we shall cherish undiminished confidence in the Gospel as a great remedy for a lost world.

May we not further urge this spirit of humble expectation and hope, as a preparation for answer to prayer? Does it not open the way to the reception of spiritual blessings? "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." "For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promises." "For yet a little while and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." "Wait patiently on the Lord, and he will incline his ear to the voice of your supplications." Wait on God in calm, trustful hope in the development of his providence and grace, and through the Mediator your prayer will come up acceptably before the mercy-seat.

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face."

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Finally, is not the posture of humble, patient waiting on God, that in which we should be found, as it falls in best with the economy of grace, the great design of God's moral government? What are the uniform representations of Scripture, as to the condition of the Christian? Does it not correspond with the sentiment inculcated? Does it not represent him as a pilgrim passing on to a better land, as an heir looking forward to a heavenly inheritance? Does it not hold up the present as a state of expectation, and heaven as the only state of full fruition. It is true, religion has much present enjoyment; but what is all this to being with Christ in glory? "We are now," says holy Mr. Baxter, "as the fish in a vessel of water, only so much as will keep them alive; but what is that to the ocean? We have a little air let in to us to afford us breathing; but what is that to the sweet and fresh gales upon Mount Zion? We have a beam of the sun to lighten our darkness, and a warm ray to keep us from freezing; but then we shall live in its light, and be revived by its heat forever. He quickens our hunger and thirst for righteousness, that he may make us happy in a full satisfaction."

Brethren, the time is short! Within a short time several of our number have entered on their rest. Of those who addressed you last year, through the pastoral letter, a number have gone. Burgess, Parker, Knight, and others have ceased from their labors.

"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end." "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire in account with A. Burnham, Treasurer.

DR.

To paid for printing the Minutes of 1848, -	$29,00
To do. - - 1849, -	27,00
To paid Dea. Asa McFarland, balance for printing Rev. Mr. Bouton's Sermon - - -	19,74
To paid Bev. Mr. Barstow, for postage -	1,89
Amount of expenditures - -	77,63

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By Belknap	$3,00	Lancaster	0,00
Caledonia	1,00	Manchester	5,00
Derry, -	3,50	Monadnock	9,50
Deerfield -	3,00	Piscataqua	8,00
Harmony -	2,50	Orange,	0,00
Hollis -	5,50	Sullivan -	5,50
Hopkinton	6,50	Union -	5,50

Amount of receipts	58,50
Balance in Treasury,	34,87
Amount of credit	93,37
Amount of debt	77,63
Balance in the Treasury	15,74

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treas. of Gen. Asso. and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund would hereby report to the Gen. Association of New Hampshire, that their Annual Meeting was held at Rev. Mr. Bouton's, Concord, June 5, 1850. That the Treasurer's report was read and accepted, and the following election of officers was made :

Rev. N. Bouton, President, Rev. A. Burnham, Secretary.
Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer. Messrs. Bouton & Morrill, Auditors.
Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, Committee.

In view of the low state of our funds, appointed the President and Secretary a Committee to prepare and send out to the local Associations a circular, inviting them to pay up their annuities, and by such other means as their wisdom and benevolence shall dictate, to increase this sacred Fund. Then, adjourned, sine die. A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

After the adjournment of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee held their Annual Meeting, and found themselves unable to make the usual appropriations of of $20 to each of the poor widows on our list. But, with the hope that the local Associations would enable us to make a similar appropriation before next Winter, we appropriated half the usual sum, viz : To Mrs. Moses Dow, $10, to Mrs. L. Burge $10, to Mrs. S. Nichols $10, to Mrs. B. Hull $10, to Mrs. M. Pillsbury $10, to Mrs. R. B. Thompson $10 : amounting to $60. A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

Pembroke, August, 1850.

A MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Piscataqua Association respectfully represent to the General Association of New Hampshire, that we presented to your body in the meeting held at Meredith Bridge, in August, 1847, a memorial on the subject of such a change in our State organization, as to make it a General Conference instead of a General Association.

The memorial contained a statement of some reasons for the change, given at some length, though as briefly as their nature seemed to allow.

This paper, having been read, was referred to a Committee, consisting of three of the most respectable ministers in the State; and, on their report, the subject was dismissed, without a reply to the reasons given, without disscusion,and without any extended consideration.

How great soever our respect for the members of the Committee to whom our former memorial was referred without success, we beg leave to ask a reconsideration of the subject. Our desire is to have it come before the Ministers and Churches of the State; and that the reasons for the change may receive such attention as their importance deserves. To this end we venture to request that the subject be referred to a committee composed of those who hold conflicting opinions with regard to the change; which committee shall report at length next year; or, that a question relating to the change be proposed to the several Associations and Church Conferences in the State, requesting answers to be given before the meeting of the General Association next year.

POSTSCRIPT.

The place of meeting for the next General Association—is Acworth, Rev. Edwin S. Wright, Minister of the place.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	54	126	180				5	1	2	8		1	1
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	41	75	116				1	3	2	6		1	1
Gilmanton East,	James Hobart,	Stated supply.	15	30	45				1		2	3			
Gilmanton Centre,	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	55	93	148	12		12	2	1	3	6	4	2	6
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	52	100	152	4	3	7	2		2	4	1	2	3
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	17	33	50						2	2			
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	51	80										
Loudon 1st Church,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.	20	51	71				2		5	7			
Alton,			1	7	8										
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.	98	147	245		1	1	3		4	7		1	1
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	47	121	168	2	2	4			4	4	1	3	4
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	47	68				1	1	1	3			
Bridgewater,	J. R. Whittemore,	Stated supply.	5	8	13										
Thornton,	William P. Gale,		11	11	22	1		1	6		2	8	1	3	4
Hebron and	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	4	26	30		1	1							
Groton,			17	19	36										
			499	952	1461	19	6	25	20	7	25	51	7	1219	

Rev. Charles Tenney, Gilmanton, without charge.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pr.Let.To.	Removals. Dis.Ex.Di.To	Baptisms. Ad.In.Tot.
Bethlehem, } Franconia, }	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10 6	17 11	27 17			
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 15, 1842.	32	85	117			
			48	113	161			

Rev. Drury Fairbank of Littleton and Rev. David Sutherland of Bath, without charge.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845.	54	86	140			
Deerfield,	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.			96			
Epsom,	R. A. Putnam,							
Loudon,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.						
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Stated supply.	33	50	83			
Nottingham,					5			
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.			161			
Raymond,	J. C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			140			
					625			

Unsettled Ministers—Josiah Carpenter, Chichester; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; Josiah Prentice, Northwood.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Derry Presbyterian,															
" Congregational,	P. B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	32	83	115	2	2	4	1	1	2	4		2	2
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	Aug. 27, 1846.	83	108	191	1	3	4	3		6	9	1	2	3
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	17	30	47	4	5	9		1		1	1		1
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	108	175	283	3	2	5	7		9	16	2	4	6
Windham,	L. Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	63	88	151	3	1	4	1		2	3		4	4
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.	30	55	85				4		2	6		2	2
Pelham,	Eden B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.													
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.													
Salem,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Stated supply.													

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di. To.	Ad.	Inf.	To
Conway,	Tappan,	1849.	28	40	68									
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	1844.	28	33	61									
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 1828.	34	49	83						1 1			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	26	45	71	4	1	5	3		2 5	2	1	3
Sandwich 1st church,			26	54	80									
" 2d church,			9	13	22									
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	65	134	199		1	1	3		6 9		1	1
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	13	32	45		1	1			1 1			
Wolfborough 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply.	20	42	62		1	1	1		3 4		1	1
" 2d ch.														
Tuftonborough,														
Effingham,	Elias Chapman,	Stated supply ½ time.	9	26	35	1		1			1 1	1		1
Thornton,	Wm. P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1848.	11	16	27									
					753	5	4	9	7		14 21	3	3	6

Unsettled Minister—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	88	209	297	13	2	15	4		4	8	4	2	6
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	26	51	77	4	1	5	2		2	4	2		2
Hollis,	Matthew D. Gordon,	1849.													
Mason,	Ebenezer Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790.	43	57	100				6		1	7			
Mason Village,	William Olmsted,	April 11, 1849.	44	77	121	2	9	11	2			2	2	2	4
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.	89	127	216		10	10	2		2	4			
Mont Vernon,	Vacant.		*53	119	172				Last year's report.						
Merrimack,	Vacant.		*31	75	106										
South Merrimack,	Samuel H. Tolman,	Supply.	11	17	28										
Nashua 1st Cong. Ch.,‡	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.													
Nashua Olive St.,	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.			350	13	10	23	8		2	10	7	2	9
Nashua Pearl St.,‡	Leonard Swain,	June 24, 1847.	46	110	156	7	16	23	7		1	8	5	5	10
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	115	221	336	9	2	11	3	1	4	8	3	5	8
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	84	155	239	1	1	2	4		3	7		4	4
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1844.	30	60	90	3	2	5	2		1	3	2	2	4
Wilton,	Vacant.		*44	63	107										

Ministers without charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; Leonard Jewett, Hollis; J. W. Shepard, Nashua; B. Smith, Mont Vernon; Charles Whiting. * Statistics taken from previous report. ‡ Unassociatiated churches.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pr.	Let.	To.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	To.
Andover,*	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	7	12	19										
Boscawen East,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.			220										
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	56	97	153	1	1	2	3		1	4		2	2
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.			29				4		2	6			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	43	86	129	1		1	4	1	3	8		2	2
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	62	192	254	5	2	7	8	2	5	15	2	5	7
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	61	126	187		2	2	18			18		5	5
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker,	Acting Pastor.			212				7		7	14		5	5
Concord East,	Vacant.		34	72	106				1		3	4			
Concord North (Fisherv.)	Thomas Vernon,	Stated supply.	14	30	44	1	6	7						2	2
Fisherville First,	Vacant.		8	15	23	2	2	4	1			1	1		1
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	30	79	109	7	9	16	1		2	3	4	9	13
Henniker,	Vacant.				221										
Hill,	Vacant.		12	21	33	12	1	13	1			1	5		5
Hopkinton,	C. M. Cordly,	Sept. 6, 1849.	58	121	179	3		3	2		5	7	3	4	7
Loudon Village,	J. N. Jones,	Stated supply.													
Northfield and Sanborn-	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	36	66	102		1	1	4		3	7		1	1
Pembroke, [ton Bridge,	Abraham Burnham, D. D.,	March 2, 1808.	35	100	135		5	5	3		6	9		5	5
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849.	32	54	86	7	7	14	4			4	5	2	7
Warner,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	41	43	84				3		3	6		1	1
Wilmot,*	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	12	13	25	1		1					2		2
21	16				2350	40	36	76	64	3	40	107	22	43	65

Unsettled Ministers—E. Price, Wm. Patrick, B. P. Stone, H. Wood, W. Fifield. * Nathan Howard is Pastor of these churches.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex. Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Bedford Pres. Ch.,	Thomas Savage,	1826.			203	1	2	3		6	6		9	9
Dunbarton,	J. M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	No Report.											
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	36	65	101	2	4	6		4	4			
Hudson,	William Page,	August 14, 1844.			87	5	1	6	1		1	4	1	5
Litchfield,	J. L. Seymour,	Stated supply.			21					2	2			
Londonderry,	S. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.	56	110	192	3		3	2		2	2	10	12
Manchester 1st,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	77	164	241	17	9	26	12	2	14	14	3	17
Merrimac,	E. G. Little,													

Unsettled Ministers—Samuel Lamson, John Lawrence.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Bath,	E. Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	59	92
Canaan,			13	29	42
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley.	Nov. 1849.	26	77	103
Haverhill North,	S. Delano,	Stated supply.	9	14	23
Lyme,	E. Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	145	270	415
Orford East,*	E. R. Hodgman,	Stated supply.	47	42	89
Orford West,	Wm. Clark,	May 17, 1848.	30	74	104
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	36	74	110
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1832.	15	30	45

Unsettled Minister—Nathan Lord, D. D. * 48 non-residents.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
1st church in Alstead,															
New Alstead,	J. W. Perkins,	Oct. 26, 1847.	50	63	113	1	3	4	1		1	2	1	1	2
Paper Mill Village,	Edmund Jennison,	Stated supply.	14	28	42						2	2			
Chesterfield,	M. W. H. Marble,	Stated supply.													
Dublin,			18	34	52	1		1					1	2	3
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins,	Feb. 16, 1848.	65	115	180	4	1	5		2	4	6	10		10
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	Stated supply.	9	26	35				2			2			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844.	37	66	103		4	4	4		2	6			
Jaffrey 1st church,	Laban Ainsworth, Leonard Tenney,	Dec. 10, 1782. March 19, 1841.	37	110	144	2	1	3	27		2	29	2	6	8
Jaffrey East,	J. E. B. Jewett,	Pastor elect.	10	19	29		29	29							
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	66	225	291	1	2	3	5		4	9		15	15
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	29	64	93		2	2	4			4		4	4
Nelson,	Daniel S. French,	Nov. 4, 1842.	48	71	119	3		3	3		2	5		5	5
Harrisville,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Acting Pastor.	27	55	72	1	2	3							
Roxbury,															
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D.D.	Jan. 5, 1803.													
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845.	28	65	93	6	1	7	1		2	3	3	4	7
Surry,															
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Nov. 15, 1836.	16	39	55				2		2	4			
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	23	54	77	1	2	3	3			3		3	3
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	Aug. 6, 1845.	32	90	122	4	3	7			2	2		3	3
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	33	103	136	36	1	37			3	3	20	2	22
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	62	127	189	3	1	4	11	2	5	18		5	5
					1945	63	50	113	59	6	31	96	37	51	79

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	17	30	47				1		1	2		1	1
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	23	55	78		3	3	1		2	3		1	1
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	81	272	353	6	4	10	9		5	14	3	6	9
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	10	59	69	1		1	6		2	8			
Epping,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	12	29	41		7	7			3	3			
Exeter 1st ch.,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	44	85	129				1		1	2			
Exeter 2d ch.,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, 1817.	20	84	104	1		1	1		2	3	1		1
Farmington,	R. M. Sargent,	Stated supply.	10	12	22				1			1			
Greenland,	Edwin Holt,	March 8, 1848.	14	38	52	1	3	4			2	2		1	1
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 7, 1849.	66	134	200	13	4	17			3	3	4	7	11
Kingston,	John Smith,	July 26, 1848.	15	49	64				1		1	2			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	30	55	85				1	1	1	3			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	10	17	27						2	2			
Newington,	Destitute.		1	6	7										
New Market,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	18	37	55	1		1	2	1	3	6		3	3
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801.	60	92	152		1	1	1		4	5		5	5
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842.	79	258	337			9	5		7	12	1	2	3
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	77	96		3	3			2	2		3	3
Rye, [Falls,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	36	77	113						3	3			
Seabrook and Hampton	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	22	39	61				3		1	4		2	2
Salmon Falls(Rollinsford)	Samuel J. Spalding,	Oct. 28, 1846.	32	48	80	7	13	20	5		2	7	4		4
Somersworth, Great Falls	J. T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	41	109	150	18	12	30	1		1	2	13	2	15
South New Market,	Destitute.		7	10	17										
Stratham,	Destitute.		17	36	53										
					2892			107				89	26	33	59

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	74	110	184	1	8	9	3	1	4	8	1	10	11
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 26 1841.	22	49	71	4	8	12	2		3	5	3	8	11
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	62	130	192	3	8	11	15	2	5	22	1	3	4
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,*	Oct. 1, 1835.	32	57	89										
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	32	49	81				2			2			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 20, 1842.	86	139	225	10	6	16	22	1	3	26	2	1	3
Enfield,	Destitute.														
Hanover Centre,	Cutter,	Stated supply.													
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	22	34	56										
Langdon,	Nelson Barber,*	Stated supply.	13	21	34										
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	37	94	131	5	4	9	40		2	42	5		5
West Lebanon,†	Prof. D. J. Noyes,	Stated supply.	30	27	57	7	11	18			1	1	5		5
Lempster 1st,	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	33	48	81		2	2	6			6		2	2
Lempster 2d,	Destitute.														
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	24	56	80	4	3	7	7		2	9	1		1
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	69	111	180	2	2	4	5		5	10		2	2
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	9	28	37										
Unity,	Destitute.														
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	12	32	44	4	6	10					1	4	5
19			657	985	1642	40	58	98	102	4	25	130	19	30	49

Unsettled Ministers—Prof. C. B. Haddock, David Kimball, Hanover. *Licentiates*—Prof. John N. Putnam, Dartmouth College; C. S. Richards, Meriden.

* Last year's return. † Church organized Nov. 8, 1849—meeting-house dedicated same day.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pr.	Let.	To.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	To.
Antrim,	J. M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	47	123	170	1	1	2	2	1	2	5		1	1
Bennington,	Destitute.		19	39	58										
Bradford,	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848.	27	43	70	1	2	3	1	2	1	4	1	4	5
Deering,	Destitute.		15	38	53										
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,				367	8	5	13	4		6	10		7	7
Greenfield, Evangelical	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1844.	40	90	130	4		4	4		7	11	2	2	4
" Congregational	J. LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	38	74	112	30	8	38					7	3	10
Hancock,			75	130	205										
Hillsboro' Centre,			32	52	84	2	2	4	2		2	4			
Hillsboro' Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	18	36	54				10			10		5	5
Lyndeboro',	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	52	85	137		1	1	4		2	6		1	1
New Boston,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	53	112	165	2		2	5	1	5	11	2	2	4
Peterboro',	H. J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			160										

NOTE. The returns from Hancock, Peterboro', Deering, and Hillsboro' Centre, are taken from the last year's report.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	20	36	56
Dalton,	Destitute.		9	19	28
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply.	14	58	72
Stewartstown,	Josiah Morse,	Stated supply.			28
Whitefield,	Destitute.				16

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Com'cants.	Added.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	16	14	1461	25	51	19
Caledonia,	3	2	161		4	4
Deerfield,	8	7	625	18	21	17
Derry,	10	9	876	26	39	18
Harmony,	13	9	753	4	21	6
Hollis,	16	13	2395	105	61	47
Hopkinton,	21	16	2350	76	107	65
Lancaster,	5	3	200	2	6	
Manchester,	8	8	845	44	27	23
Monadnock,	23	20	2145	113	58	79
Orange,	9	6	1023	54	37	24
Piscataqua,	24	21	2392	107	89	59
Sullivan,	19	16	1642	98	130	49
Union;	13	9	1765	67	52	37
Total,	188	153	18,633	739	703	447

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Hollis,	D. Goodhue.
Hopkinton,	W. Fifield.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Piscataqua,	James Boutwell.
Union,	J. M. Whiton.
Manchester,	J. L. Seymour.
Belknap,	Rufus Childs.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Caledonia,	E. I. Carpenter.
Orange,	Erdix Tenney.
Harmony,	
Lancaster,	

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in New Hampshire will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, arranging the churches in alphabetical order, adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Males.	Femal.	Total.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Dism.	Excl.	Died.	Total.	Adul.	Inf.	Total.
Totals,															

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.*
Strafford, Belk. & Carroll,	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.
Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

MINUTES.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

1851.

T. W. Duncan.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

Cong. churches,

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,—

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

ACWORTH, AUGUST; 1851.

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MINUTES.

Agreeably to appointment, the General Association of of New Hampshire met in the Congregational Meeting House in Acworth, on Tuesday, August 26, 1851, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a Sermon by Rev. JAMES T. M'COLLOM, of Great Falls, from Matt. 13 : 33.

Immediately subsequent, the preacher took the chair, and the following delegates presented their certificates of appointment from the District Associations, viz :

BELKNAP,	Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. D. Lancaster.
CALEDONIA,	
DEERFIELD,	Rev. E. Dow, Rev. M. H. Wells.
DERRY,	Rev. W. Murdock, Rev. J. Holmes.
HARMONY,	Rev. Jeffries Hall.
HOLLIS,	Rev. M. D. Gordon, Rev. D. Marsh, Rev. S. H. Tolman.
HOPKINTON,	Rev. A. P. Tenney, Rev. B. P. Stone, Rev. C. B. Tracy.
LANCASTER,	Rev. J. B. Hill.
MANCHESTE,	Rev. Wm. Page, Rev. Thomas Savage.
MONADNOCK,	Rev. M. Gerould, Rev. E. Jennison, Rev. B. Smith, Rev. T. S. Norton.
ORANGE,	Rev. E. H. Greely, Rev. Wm. Clark.
PISCATAQUA,	Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, Rev. T. Wells, Rev. A. Tobey, Rev. L. White.
SULLIVAN,	Rev. D. Kimball, Rev. J. Scales, Rev. C. A. Downs.

UNION, Rev. J. Cummings,
Rev. D. Goodhue.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., *Secretary.*
Treasurer.
Rev. E. S. Wright, *Minister of the place.*

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. S. S. N. Greely.
" " Connecticut, Rev. Mr. Whittlesey, by letter.
" Conference of Maine, Rev. Caleb Hobart.
" Association of Iowa, Rev. E. Adams.
" Assembly, O. S, Rev. Mr. Lacey, Winchester, Va.
Congregational Association of Illinois, Rev. Mr. Blanchard.
General Assembly, N. S., Rev. D. B. Coe, N. Y. City.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. ALVAN TOBEY was chosen Moderator.
Rev. WILLIAM MURDOCK, Scribe: and
Rev. T. S. NORTON, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator. Adjourned to meet at a quarter past one, P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Rules were read by the Secretary. Then proceeded to the election of a Committee of Overtures and Nominations. Made choice of Rev. Messrs. E. S. Wright, J. Scales, and C. B. Tracy.

Rev. Messrs. E. H. Greely, C. A. Downs, M. Gerould, S. S. N. Greely, and C. Hobart were appointed to report on the State of Religion.

A communication was read by the Secretary from Rev. A. Burnham, D. D., resigning the office of Treasurer of the Association.

Voted, that the thanks of this body be presented to Dr. Burnham for his long and faithful services as Treasurer.

Voted, that the times of meeting be 8 o'clock, A. M., and 1½, P. M.

A letter was read from the Congregational Union of Canada East, by Messrs. A. J. Parker, and R. N. Hall.

Elected Rev. A. P. Tenney, Treasurer.

After prayer by Rev. J. Woods, Reports were given by the Delegates of the several District Associations, and from Foreign Bodies.

The narratives being closed, Rev. Mr. Blanchard led in prayer, when the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. White.

A communication was read from the Delegate of the Association of Rhode Island.

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., J. French, D. D., J. T. McCollom, A. W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and R. W. Clark, were appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State.

Voted, that the Committee of Publication of the Minutes be directed to circulate the Minutes to the ministers of the State by mail, and prepay the postage, charging the same to the Association.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow declined serving longer as Secretary of the Association.

Voted, to accept the resignation of Rev. Dr. Barstow as Secretary of the Association.

Voted, that the thanks of the Association be presented to Dr. Barstow for his long and able services as Secretary.

Rev. J. K. Young, Meredith Bridge, was elected Secretary of the Association.

Messrs. Tenney and Gerould were appointed a committee to designate the place of the next meeting, and the Association to furnish a preacher.

Messrs. Gerould and Marsh were appointed to report on the subject of changing the plan recommended by the General Association for benevolent contributions.

The Report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund was read and accepted.

Rev. Mr. Tenney read the report of Dr. Burnham, late Treasurer of the Association, which was accepted and adopted.

Voted, that the subject of changing the General Association into a General Conference be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that the Association now give place to the N. H. Branch of the Education Society.

Rev. Wm. Murdock and Rev. L. Thayer were appointed a committee to prepare the next Pastoral Letter.

The Scribes, with Rev. D. Kimball, were authorized to act as Publishing Committee.

Rev. E. B. Foster was elected preacher before the communion next year, and Rev. A. W. Burnham, substitute.

Voted a tax of 50 cents on each member for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 1¼.

AFTERNOON.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

Voted that 600 copies of the Minutes be issued from the press.

Also that the sermon preached at the opening of the meeting by Rev. Mr. McCollum be printed.

Rev. Dr. Bouton was chosen Auditor.

Rev. Mr. Willey, Delegate to the General Assembly, N. S. made a verbal report, which was accepted.

Voted to give place to the N. H. Bible Society.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, that the report of the Committee to appoint delegates to Foreign Bodies be accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S.	
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.	Rev. Alvan Tobey.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.	
Rev. C. W. Wallace.	Rev. H. E. Clark.
To the General Association of Massachusetts.	
Rev. A. W. Burnham.	Rev. J. Scales.
To the General Association of Connecticut.	
Rev. L. Tenney.	Rev. J. D. F. Richards.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. R. Page. Rev. M. D. Gordon.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. C. Shedd. Rev. W. R. Jewett.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. D. Goodwin. Rev. S. G. Brainard.

To the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. E. B. Claggett. Rev. Abraham Jenkins.

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. Otis Holmes. Rev. Horace Hood.

To the General Association of Iowa.

Rev. Giles Leach. Rev. M. Gerould.

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. E. N. Hidden. Rev. T. S. Norton.

To the General Association of Wisconsin.

Rev. S. P. Fay.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, U. S. A.

Rev. J. Boutwell.

Voted, that the report respecting a change in the plan recommended by the Association for benevolent contributions be accepted and adopted.

Voted, that the report of the Committee on the State of Religion, which was read by Rev. Mr. Greely, be accepted and adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

Voted, that 10 minutes be allowed to each of the agents of benevolent societies present.

Voted, that the thanks of this body be presented to the people of Acworth for their generous hospitalities, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, that the place for the next meeting be at Pittsfield.

Rev. D. B. Coe, delegate from the General Assembly, N. S., reported the state of things within the bounds of said body.

After singing, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Keyes, of Lancaster, Penn., the Rev. Dr. Richards addressed the meeting in behalf of the Jews—and offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the American Society for meliorating the condition of the Jews, is worthy of the sympathy and support of the churches of New Hampshire.

Rev. Mr. Slocom addressed the meeting in behalf of the American and F. C. Union. Rev. Mr. Keyes, in behalf of the German Reformed Church. Rev. Mr. Ellis, in behalf of

Collegiate and Theological Education at the West. Rev. Mr. Clark, in behalf of the A. B. C. F. M.

Voted, to give place to the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

At the close of these exercises,

Voted, to adjourn till ¼ past 1.

AFTERNOON.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

Voted, that the Pastoral Letter be passed into the hands of the committee for publication.

The minutes being read and corrected,

Voted, to adopt and print them as corrected.

Voted, to adjourn after the public exercises.

The sermon before the communion was preached by Rev. Robert Page, of Lempster, from Gal. 6: 14.

Rev. A. W. Burnham and Rev. Phineas Cooke officiated at the table.

Adjourned sine die.

ALVAN TOBEY, *Moderator.*

Wm. Murdock, *Scribe.*

Thomas S. Norton, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In surveying the field included within the bounds of this General Association, the Committee, appointed to report on the state of religion, find something to cheer, and much also to sadden the christian heart. The picture which it presents is dark; yet not wholly dark.

There is cause for devout gratitude that our nearly two hundred churches still exist; that the spires of our many church edifices still point the weary and sin-stricken to heaven; that the Sabbath bell is still heard to ring out over all our hills and through all our valleys the summons to the house and worship of God, and that our more than one hundred and fifty ministers preach, with so much fidelity and earnestness, a crucified Christ. We ought to be grateful that the gospel has not been taken from us and given to a people bringing forth the fruits thereof. We ought to be grateful that our churches still hold fast the faith of the fathers, and that, to so good a degree, they keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. We hear of no heresies, nor divisions among us.

The majority of the churches, from which we have received reports, appear to be enjoying outward prosperity. We think that fewer pastors than is usual have been unsettled during the past year. The congregations on the Sabbath are, in most cases, quite as large as in former times. In some, there has been an increase of numbers; in some others still, a diminution. We are assured that our Sabbath Schools retain their wonted interest, numbers and efficiency. It is to be regretted, however, that their sphere of operations has not been greatly enlarged.

The various benevolent enterprises of the day are sustained among us with the usual liberality. Still, it is to be deplored, that there is manifested so little of the spirit of Him, who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor; and, that we cannot discern any marked advance in this respect.

The cause of temperance seems, throughout the State, to be stationary or retrograding.

From many of our churches we hear the sad complaint of a dearth of spiritual influences. Christians are not growing in grace; worldliness and apathy prevail among them; the prayer-meeting is deserted, or thinly and reluctantly attended; the souls of the impenitent are uncared for; while a tide of business and pleasure bears on their unbroken ranks towards perdition. The numbers in many of the churches are constantly decreasing and the spirit of moral desolation seems to sit brooding over them.

But there is a brighter side to this dark picture. God, blessed be his name, has not wholly withdrawn from us the tokens of his favorable presence. Several churches are reported as having enjoyed the outpouring of his Spirit, some in smaller and others in larger effusions. The churches of Littleton, Bath, Haverhill, Piermont, Han-

over, including a few in the College and several in Mrs. Dickinson's Boarding School, Hopkinton, Antrim, Goffstown, Atkinson, and the Academy at Meriden, have been blessed with the gift of reviving and converting grace. In many other places, gentle refreshings have been enjoyed, gladdening and encouraging the hearts of God's people. No revivals of great extent and power are reported, yet such as to lead us to thank God and take courage.

It is, however, a lamentable fact that the accessions to our churches but little exceed the removals from them. In many churches, and even in some entire District Associations the number of removals preponderates. Some churches are threatened with utter extinction in this way. True, the darkness of this picture in our spiritual condition is relieved, when we know that numbers have gone out from us to found and sustain churches in other and destitute parts of our country. Still, the question is forced upon us, When, at the present rates of increase, will the whole lump be leavened?

Four of our brethren in the ministry have, during the past year, ceased from their labors and gone to render up their account, viz. Rev. Peter Holt, Rev. David P. Smith, of Greenfield, Rev. Joseph Lane, of Pembroke, and Rev. William Olmstead, of Mason Village.

From the various bodies in correspondence with us, we hear much that is cheering. Within the bounds of some of them, the past year has been signalized by blessings. Converting grace has been largely bestowed and the cause of Christ greatly advanced. With scarcely an exception they are enjoying much outward, and much also of spiritual prosperity. Let God be praised.

For the Committee,

E. H. GREELEY.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE TO THE CHURCHES IM THEIR CONNECTION.

BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

The distinctive element of the religion you profess is holiness. That branch of religion which embraces the religious sentiment, and personal experience, and which pervades the soul which is created anew in Christ, is expressed in one word, purity. Its genuine and visible fruits are included in the terms, "all holy conversation and godliness," and appear in a pious, useful and beneficent life. These two prominent parts of religion are in the New Testament briefly comprised, like the two tables of the moral law, in a single sentence, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Here religion in its whole character is represented by two of its prominent features, kindness and purity. The first of these, christian kindness, is illustrated by one of its very important acts visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction. Among those who endure such affliction is one class toward whom the General

Association and the Churches hold special relations;—the indigent widows and orphans of their deceased ministers. The General Association in 1812, took into consideration the importance of making some provision for the relief of persons in such circumstances. At the annual meeting in 1813 a plan was adopted and Trustees appointed. The next year the Widows' Charitable Fund was commenced. In this charitable undertaking the Pastoral Convention have uniformly co-operated. At their annual meeting in June last they proposed collections in all our churches or congregations to be taken up previously to the present meeting of this General Association. It was hoped that an opportunity would thus be given to the beloved members of our churches, generally, to contribute toward the enlargement of this fund, so that its distributions, which have of necessity been small,m ay be increased; and also that actual relief may be rendered in cases where only commiseration can now be offered.

Knowing that several of the churches have not yet found opportunity to act on the Circular of the Pastoral Convention; and fearing that it will not receive so general a response as its importance demands, on account o the number and magnitude of the objects whose claims are urged at this season of the year, The Widows' Charitable Fund is selected for the subject of this Address, in the hope that it may assist in holding the attention of pastors and churches to this worthy object of christian charity, so that the united desires of the General Association, the Pastoral Convention and the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, may receive a favorable accomplishment.

The General Association entreat their Brethren and Sisters in the Lord not to forget that no moral duty is more particularly enjoined in the gospel than kindness; and that the law of kindness in the heart and lips of Christ, was constantly inculcated by his example. As well might we be called his disciples while denying his doctrines, profaning his sabbaths, and disregarding all his other institutions, as while neglecting the acts of kindness which he prescribed. "He went about doing good." "He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk even as he walked."

The circumstances of widows and fatherless children seclude them from general notice. The friendless state to which they are sometimes reduced renders their condition peculiarly afflictive; and to relieve their distress God accounts, when accompanied with sincere regard to his will, one of the highest expressions of kindness. In any class of society they are entitled to commiseration. Let a widow describe their condition when indigent.

"Widow is a word of sorrow in the best of circumstances; but a widow left poor, destitute, friendless, surrounded with a number of small children, shivering with cold, pale with want, looking in her face with eyes pleading for bread which she has not to give, nor any probable prospect of procuring, her situation is neither to be described nor conceived." "Husband, father, support, provider, *gone forever!* The setting sun,—the succeeding twilight, the rattling cars, the train of laborers announce the approach of evening, when many boards are spread, many husbands return to bless their families; scarce can she believe that he is not in the crowd; fain would she persuade herself that she has been in a dream; fain would she fancy that yonder is he. Darkness pervades the earth; the neighboring doors shut in the happy families; the fires illumine the windows. Back she staggers to her dreary dwelling, and wakes to all the realities of her widowed state. The once cheerful chimney scarcely emits a taper blaze. Her children cry for bread, but her empty pantry affords it not. Tired nature soon brings *them* relief,—they sleep,—they forget. Not so the widowed heart. Busy, cruel memory calls back and doubles her departed

joys ;—comparison doubles her present misery ;—every avenue to hope is shut. Her big swollen heart would burst its narrow bounds, but for the gush of tears, in mercy sent to give it vent. The deep fetched sobs wring out the big round drops in blest profusion, (who can say the luxury?) till glutted with grief she sinks among her babes. Time, that sorrow healing balm, softens, at length, the pungency of woe. The sympathizing neighbors, the unrestrained complaint and tears, render her situation familiar; the wants of her children urge her to exertion for their support; some sister widow, pensioner on bounty, consoles her with the news that many benevolent hearts have united their efforts to relieve wants like hers. Hope steals in,—she listens, is comforted,—plans schemes of industry, and exerts herself to become father and mother to her orphans." That such evils exist is painful to humanity, but since they do exist, can there be a more delicate pleasure than in being instrumental of relieving them? Though none can restore the FATHER and the HUSBAND, the hearts of the mourners may be soothed, while the relief provided for them by their father and their husband, God, is dispensed. Hear also a plea for the helpless orphan, poured forth, probably, from the same widowed heart.

"Among the afflicted of our suffering race, none makes a stronger or more impressive appeal to humanity, than the destitute orphan. Crime has not been the cause of its misery; and future usefulness may yet be the result of its protection. God himself has marked the fatherless as the peculiar subjects of his divine compassion. 'A father of the fatherless is God in his holy habitation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.' To be the blessed instrument of divine Providence in making good the promise of God, is a privilege equally desirable and honorable to the benevolent heart."

It reflects great honor on the wisdom, patriotism and humanity of this nation that public provision is made for the widows of those who suffered or labored in the service of their country. And shall christians neglect to relieve the afflicted and indigent families of the departed soldiers of the Lord Jesus? There, sorrow and want are combined. The change from the enjoyments of society and comfortable support to a state of solitude and penury is perhaps greater and more sudden to the widows and orphans of ministers that to those of other men. The numerous kind attentions they had been accustomed to receive, take other directions, or the bereaved family may be obliged to seek some other residence. In such cases, the pastor's widow should be sought out and her necessities relieved with delicate kindness, without her solicitation.

The General Association would remind the members of our churches that your ministers are your servants for Jesus sake. They spend and are spent for Christ and you. Their manner of life must show that they seek not yours but you. And if, notwithstanding all their labors and privations, their families are found in a state of penury, shall not their widows and orphans be entitled to the care of the churches, and made their pensioners?

By what special human agency were those pastors sustained, soothed, comforted, cheered, encouraged, helped onward in their works of faith and labors of love? Their faithful wives are the guardians of the duties of their husbands rather than of their ease. When the pastor, with labor-worn mind, and wearied frame, sighed for temporary respite, a mild but soul-inspiring voice encouraged him to renewed and persevering pastoral care and effort. And if the pastor, as every faithful minister should be, was given to hospitality, at the expense of whose unceasing kindness, care and self-denial was it most of all effected? By that of the pastor's wife. If she has not literally washed the disciples' feet, she has done many things analogous to it, following, diligently, every good work.

Ministers are known to the community. Their trials are perceived by the observing and felt by the ingenuous and kind, though by some others they are only recompensed with hard hearted indifference, if not palpable ingratitude. But who understands the never-ceasing toils and anxieties of the pastor's wife ? As she never complains, and always endures with cheerfulness, she is unnoticed, for she is unknown. With the affections of Mary, combined with the assiduous carefulness of Martha,she toils patiently in her domestic duties, still holding sweet communion with her Savior ; enjoying the society and administering to the comfort of her friends ; and, by an unpretending but efficient influence and example, promoting, to the extent of her opportunities, all the objects of charity, which move the hearts and engage the efforts of the friends of humanity. The dying words of the wife of a New Hampshire pastor, [Mrs. Harriet Putnam, of Portsmouth,] would doubtless describe the experience of many in the like relation: "I have lived a pleasant life, I have had pleasant friends. But oh, my home in heaven is more pleasant,is glorious."—"Pleasant years, years of many blessings,—but laborious ones, laborious ones,—years that have worn down this little, suffering body."

In the life of a minister's wife, such circumstances are not rare ; and if she lives to become his widow, and if poor, is she not peculiarly of the household of faith, and should not provision be made for her relief by the family of Christ ?

In conclusion, the General Association express their earnest desire that the seasonable proposal of the Pastoral Convention may not fail, even in part, of its important purpose, and therefore recommend that on the first Sabbath in January, 1852, all our congregations, which have not already acted upon it, should have an opportunity of presenting an offering to the Widow's God, the Father of the fatherless, to sustain and enlarge a Fund, which, notwithstanding its limited means at present, has drawn forth tears of gratitude from fountains, which had overflowed with almost unmitigated grief.

JONA. FRENCH, } Com-
SERENO T. ABBOTT, } mittee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire

In account with A. Burnham, Treasurer—DR.

To freight and postage, - - - - - -	$1,10
To printer's Bill, - - - - - -	32,00
Amount of expenditures - - -	$33,10

CR.	By Belknap	$4,50	Lancaster	$0,00
	Deerfield	2,00	Manchester	0,00
	Derry	3,50	Monadnock	7,50
	Caledonia	0,00	Piscataqua	9,00
	Harmony	1.00	Orange	0,00
	Hollis	4,50	Sullivan	4,00
	Hopkinton	0,00	Union	0,00
				35,00
			In the Treasury,	15,74
			Amount	50,74
Expenditures		33,10	Balance in the Treasury	17,64

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treas. of Gen. Asso. and find it well vouched and correctly cast. N. BOUTON, Auditor.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

To the General Association of New Hampshire, the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, Report, that they held their Annual Meeting, June 4, 1851, in the study of their President, Dr. Bouton, and heard the Report of their Treasurer, and accepted it, and then elected the following officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. N. Bouton, President; A. Burnham, Secretary; Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer; Messrs. Dr. Bouton, and Hon. S. Morrill, Auditors; Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, Executive Committee.

Rev. D. Lancaster came into the meeting and proposed the widow of the late Dr. Cogswell as a beneficiary of the Widows' Charitable Fund. But as Mr. Lancaster brought no application from her, the case was deferred till a regular and authorized application should be made. Adjourned sine die. A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

Contribution after the sermon was $15,50.

After the adjournment, the Committee met, and made the following appropriations; viz.:

To Mrs. J. Thompson $20, to Mrs. M. Dow $20, to Mrs. L. Burge $20, to Mrs. M. Pillsbury $20, to Mrs. B. Hull $20, amounting to $100. And to Mrs. William Cogswell $20, provided she should make application, and it should be found that she is a proper object of this sacred charity. Adjourned sine die.

Attest, A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	53	130	183	2	4	6	1	2	1	4	2	2	4
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	40	75	115						1	1		2	2
Gilmanton East,	John C. Page,		15	30	45										
Gilmanton Centre,	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	53	98	151	8	1	9	3	2		5	2	3	5
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	50	100	150	2		2	3		1	4	1	2	3
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	31	47				2		1	3			
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	26	50	76					3		3		1	1
Loudon 1st church,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.													
Alton,															
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.	98	147	245										
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	46	124	170	0	4	4			2	2		5	5
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	41	62	1		1	4			4			
Thornton,	James Hobart,	Stated supply.	10	11	21										
Bridgwater,	Vacant.		5	7	12						1	1			
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	4	20	24										
Groton,			17	17	34										

Rev. Charles Tenney, Gilmanton, without charge.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Destitute.		10	16	26						1	1			
Franconia,			6	11	17										
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter.	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	93	129	14		14			2	2	10	2	12

Unsettled Ministers—Drury Fairbank, Littleton; David Sutherland, Bath.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	Destitute, no report.														
Deerfield,	Wm. A. Patten,	July 18, 1850.			102	5		5		1	2	3	2	1	3
Epsom,	Rufus A. Putnam,	May, 1847.	36	69	105	2		2	1			1	1		1
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1850.	36	53	89	5	4	9			2	2	3	5	8
Nottingham,	Charles Gates,	Stated supply.	3	5	8										
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	56	105	161	2	5	7	3		1	4	1	3	4
Raymond,	No report.	Destitute.													
7	6		161	232	465	14	9	23	4	1	5	10	7	9	16

Unsettled Ministers—Josiah Prentice, Nathaniel Wells, E. Dow.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	To	Dis.	Ex.	De. To.	Ad	Inf.	Tot.
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	18	35	53		4	4			1 1			
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	26	50	76	3	3	6	2		1 3	2	4	6
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	105	170	275	1		1	4		5 9		4	4
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	Aug. 27, 1846.	83	108	191	Last year's			report.					
Derry Presbyterian,	J. W. Wellman,	June 18, 1851.	105	150	255									
" Congregational,	Vacant.		82	83	115	Last year's			report.					
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.	31	55	86	2	1	3			2 2	2	1	3
Pelham,	E. B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.	20	66	86	1	5	6	2		5 7			
Salem,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply.	19	33	52	5	9	14			1 1	4	1	5
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	60	87	147	1		1	3		4 7		3	3
					1336			35			33			21

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof	Let.	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,*	Tappan,	1849.	28	40	68										
Moultonborough,	J. Dodge, Pastor,	Feb. 27, 1828.	36	50	86		6	6	1		2	3			
	J. B. Cook, Colleague,	Dec. 18, 1850.													
Ossipee,	H. Wood,	Stated supply.	25	35	60				2		2	4		1	1
Sandwich 1st church,	Destitute.		18	34	52	1		1							
" 2d church,	Destitute.		9	13	22				2			2			
Tamworth,	Samuel Kingsbury.	Supply.	60	129	189				2		5	7			
Tuftonborough,	S. Merrill, ¼ of the time.		11	17	28										
Wakefield,	N. Barker,	Stated supply.	13	30	43				2			2			
Wolfborough, 1st church,	Destitute.		19	41	60		1	1	1		2	3		1	1
" 2d church,	S. Merrill,	Stated supply, ½ the time.	22	32	54						1	1			
Effingham,*	E. Chapman,	Stated supply, ½ the time.	9	26	35	1		1			1	1		1	1
					697	2	7	9	10		13	23		3	3

Ministers without charge—Jeremiah Blake, Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth; J. Hall, Wolfborough.

* Statistics taken from previous report.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	To	Dis	Ex. De.	To	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	90	212	302	8	6	14	4	3	7	3	2	5
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	25	52	77		3	3	4		4		5	5
Hollis,	M. D. Gordon,	March 21, 1849.	62	109	171	4		4	2		2			
Mason,	J. L. Arms,	Oct. 30, 1850.	37	59	96		2	2	3	2	5		2	2
Mason Village,														
Merrimack South,	Samuel H. Tolman,		11	23	34	1		1				1		1
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			268	3	7	10	3	2	5	2		2
Nashua, 1st church,	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.	69	331	410	6	14	20	3	1	4	4	2	6
Nashua, Olive st.,	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	203	102	305	5	6	11	12	4	16	2	1	3
Nashua, Pearl st.,	L. Swain,		48	120	168	9	15	24	11	1	12			1
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	89	198	287	1	6	7	33	3 7	43		2	2
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	84	147	231	6		6	4	7	11	1	6	7
Mont Vernon,	Charles G. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	57	114	171	13	15	28		3	3	3	4	7
Temple,	W. Follett,	July 25, 1844.												
Wilton,														
16	14				2520			127			112			

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover, Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	7 13	11 14	18 27									1	1
Boscawen East,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.			*220										
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	60	96	156	1	5	6	1		2	3		2	2
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.			*29										
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	44	86	130		5	5	1		3	4		4	4
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	62	190	252	3	4	7	4		4	8	3	4	7
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	64	127	191	8		8	2		3	5	3	6	9
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.			214	9	5	14	12			12	3	3	6
Concord East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	34	72	106										
Fisherville,	George W. Campbell,	Stated supply.	22	44	66	1		1						1	1
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	27	78	105	1	2	3	7			7	1		1
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	57	128	185		2	2	4		1	5		4	4
Hill,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	14	33	47				1		2	3			
Hopkinton,	C. M. Cordley,	Sept. 5, 1849.	53	120	173	16		16	7	1	6	14	10	1	11
Loudon Village,	T. N. Jones,	Stated supply.	14	16	30				2		2	4			
Northfield and Sanbornton Bridge,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	35	66	101	1	1	2	2		1	3	1	4	5
Pembroke,	J. H. Merrill,	Nov. 1850.			131	2	2	4	6		3	9	1	3	4
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849.	39	54	*86										
Warner,	Abel Wood,	Stated supply.	41	43	*84										
20	19				2351			68				77			55

Unsettled Ministers—E. Price, Wm. Patrick, B. P. Stone, W. Fifield, A. Burnham, D. D., H. Wood. * Last year's report.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Bedford Pres. Church,	Thomas Savage,	'26.													
Dunbarton,	J. M. Putnam,	July 8, '30.	37	98	135	9	3	12	2		5	7	1		1
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	'37.			155	11	1	12			3	3			
Hudson,	William Page,	Aug. 14, '44.	26	57	83		4	4	3		4	7		3	3
Litchfield,	J. L. Seymour,	Stated supply.	6	14	20	2		2							
Londonderry,	T. G. Brainard,	Nov. 5, '40.	58	135	193	2	1	3					1		1
Manchester 1st,	C W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, '40.	76	192	298	11	8	19			2	2	6	12	18
" Franklin st.,	H. S. Clarke,				211	14	25	39	14		7	21			
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept. 4, '50.	26	61	87	5	3	8			5	5	1	11	12

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	Stated supply.	44	92	136	49	3	52	1		1	2	26	2	28
Canaan,	No report.														
Haverhill,	Edward H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	36	105	141	31	1	32	4			4	16	5	21
Haverhill North,	Samuel Delano,	Stated supply.	No report.												
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	138	240	378	4		4	4		3	7			
Orford East,	No report.														
Orford West,	William Clark,	May 17, 1849.	30	74	104		2	2	1		1	2		4	4
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	No report.												
Wentworth,	J S. Davis,	June 20, 1822.	No report.												

Unsettled Ministers—Nathan Lord, D. D., J. M. Ellis, M. Searle.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	To	Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
First Church Alstead,	S. G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	23	56	79	1	3	4			1	1		4	4
New Alstead,	James W. Perkins,	Oct. 26, 1847.	50	62	112	2	1	3			4	4	1	1	2
Paper Mill Village,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	10	24	34				2	1	1	4		4	4
Chesterfield,	Wm. H. Marble,	Stated supply.	12	39	51	5	1	6	3		1	4	4		4
Dublin,	Alonzo Hayes,	April 30, 1851.	16	33	49						1	1		6	6
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins, Jr.,	Feb. 16, 1848.	62	111	173	7	1	8	8	3	5	16	1	1	2
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	10	28	38		4	4	1			1		1	1
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844.	40	71	111	5	3	8						2	2
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, / L. Tenney,	Dec. 10, 1782. / March 19, 184 .	37	96	133	1		1	5		4	9	1	1	2
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.,	July 1, 1818.	66	227	293	7	5	12	2		8	10	1	8	9
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	28	65	93		1	1	3			3		2	2
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1842.	45	65	110				4	1	4	9		3	3
Harrisville,	W. G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	25	46	71		1	1	1		1	2		1	1
Roxbury,	Bezaleel Smith,	Stated supply.	11	19	30				2			2			
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D. D,	Jan. 5, 1803.	8	32	40	2		2			2	2	2		2
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, '45.	27	64	91		1	1	3			3		1	1
Surry,															
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, '36.	20	48	68	5		5							
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, '45.	23	50	73		1	1	3		2	5			
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	August 6, '45	31	94	125	1	7	8	4		1	5		1	1
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	45	115	160	24		24	1	2	2	5	15	7	22
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, '47.	65	126	191	7	2	9	4	2	5	11	4	6	10
	16		654	1471	2125	67	31	98	46	9	42	97	29	49	78

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let	To	Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, '45.	17	30	47										
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, '41.	22	53	75										
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, '45.	79	278	357	6		6			5	5	1	1	2
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, '33.	10	55	65		1	1	2		2	4		4	4
Epping,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	17	34	51	6	4	10			2	2	5		5
Exeter first church,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, '45.	44	83	127	2	3	5	3		4	7	2	2	4
Exeter second church,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, '17.													
Farmington,	R. M. Sargent,	Stated supply.	10	14	24	1	1	2							
Greenland,	Vacant.		14	38	52	1		1			1	1			
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 7, '49.	63	133	196	1	2	3		6	3	9	1	1	2
Kingston,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	16	46	62						1	1			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	27	56	83	1		1	1		1	2		1	1
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	7	20	27										
Newington,	Destitute.			5	5										
Newmarket,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	14	31	45	1		1	6	5		11	1	4	5
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D.	Nov. 18, 1801.	58	89	147	2	2	4	1		3	4		3	3
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov, 16, '42.	81	264	345	9	4	13	3		4	7	2	7	9
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, '43.	20	78	98	3	3	6			4	4	2	3	5
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, '47.	35	75	110						3	3			
Seabrook & Hamp. Falls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, '37.	25	49	74	3	2	5	2		1	3	2	3	5
Salmon Falls,	Vacant.		30	58	88	9	6	15	2			2	7		7
Somersworth, Great Falls,	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, '44.	40	108	148	4		4	4	1	1	6	4		4
South Newmarket,	Charles E. Lord,	Stated supply.	6	18	24									1	1
Stratham,	J. R. Whittemore,	Stated supply.	17	36	53										
24	21							76				60			

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	Total
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	71	103	174		4	4	5		9	14		14	14
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 26, 1841.	22	49	71				1	1		2			
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	61	128	189		12	12	10	1	2	13		2	2
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	30	52	82	1	2	3	1		4	5		2	2
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	31	49	80						1	1			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 2, 1842.	81	139	226	9	7	16	9	3	3	15	6	1	7
Enfield,	Destitute.														
Goshen,	No report.														
Langdon,	Nelson Barber,	Stated supply.													
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	41	95	136	3	5	8	2		1	3	2		2
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	32	46	81		1	1			1	1		2	2
Lempster 2d,	No report.														
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	30	50	80	13	4	17			4	4	6	4	10
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	72	121	193	6	1	7	6		4	10	3	1	4
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	8	29	37	2		2					1		1
Unity.	No report.														
Washington,			10	33	43	1	1	2	1		2	3			
West Lebanon,*	Rufus Case,	June, 1851.	30	27	57										
		* Last year's report.			1449	35	37	72	35	5	31	71	18	26	44

Unsettled Ministers—Prof. C. B. Haddock, Prof. D. J. Noyes, David Kimball, Hanover.
Licentiates—Prof. John N. Putnam, Dartmouth College; C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	To.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Total
Antrim,	J. M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	47	123	170	33	3	36	2	1	2	5		1	1
Bennington,	C. E. Ransom,	Stated supply.	10	40	50			6			1	5			
Bradford,	D. Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	17	43	60						4	4		1	1
Deering,	Wm. P. Gale,	Stated supply.	12	27	39						1	1		1	1
Francestown,	Destitute.				367	8	5	13	4		6	10		7	7
Greenfield, Evangelical,	Jonathan McGee,	Stated supply.	34	58	92	3	1	4			2	2		7	7
" Congregational,	J. Le Bosquet,	Stated supply.	37	73	110						2	2		8	8
Hancock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	63	132	195	1	2	3	1	3	5	9	1	3	4
Hillsborough Centre,	C. C. Durgin,	Stated supply.	33	55	88			4	4		2	6			3
" Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	18	36	54	3		3			3	3	1		1
Lyndeborough,	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	52	85	137		1	1	4		2	6			1
New Boston,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	53	112	165	2		2	5	1	5	11	2	2	4
Peterborough,	H. J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			160										

NOTE. The returns from Francestown, Greenfield Congregational, Lyndeborough, New Boston, and Peterborough, are taken from last year's report.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	18	37	55									3	3
Dalton,	Destitute.		8	19	27						1	1			
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply.	11	57	68	1		1			3	3	1	4	5
Stewartstown,	Destitute.		14	20	34	1		1	1	1	3	5		3	3
Whitefield,	Destitute.														
5	2		51	133	184	2		2	1	1	7	9	1	10	11

Josiah Morse, Stewartstown, without charge.

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Com'cants.	Added.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	16	13	1335	22	27	20
Caledonia,	3	1	172	14	2	12
Deerfield,	7	6	465	23	10	16
Derry,	10	9	1336	35	33	21
Harmony,	11	8	697	9	23	3
Hollis,	16	14	2520	127	112	41
Hopkinton,	20	19	2351	68	57	55
Lancaster,	5	2	184	2	9	11
Manchester,	9	9	1232	99	45	35
Monadnock,	22	22	2125	98	97	78
Orange,	9	6	759	90	15	53
Piscataqua,	24	21	2303	77	71	60
Sullivan,	18	13	1449	72	71	46
Union,	13	12	1687	65	59	39
Total,	178	165	17,605	801	631	490

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

As reported last year.

Belknap,	Rufus Childs
Caledonia,	E. I. Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	D. Goodhue.
Hopkinton,	W. Fifield.
Lancaster.	
Manchester,	J. L. Seymour.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	James Boutwell.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Union,	J. M. Whiton.

NOTICE.—The Committee of Publication had intended to print the Minutes in about two weeks after the adjournment; but the Editor of the Congregational Journal having retained the copy of the Narrative and Pastoral Address two weeks, has occasioned unavoidable delay till now.

The Statistics should be prepared with more care, and the footings properly made. We have used our endeavors to secure accuracy; but some figures are so indistinct that we may have made mistakes. The returns which stand against Haverhill were placed opposite to Canaan. We supposed it a mistake.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Di.	Exc.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Totals.															

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Belk. & Carroll.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.
Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

* Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † Also, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.

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The General Association of New Hampshire assembled at Pittsfield, in the Congregational Meeting House, on Tuesday, August 24, 1852, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Sermon from Rev. Moses Gerould, upon 1 Cor. 3: 9. At the close of the sermon, the Preacher took the Chair, the credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following members found to constitute the General Association:—

Rev. Giles Leach, Charles Shedd,	Belknap Association.	
E. I. Carpenter,	Caledonia	"
Otis Holmes,	Deerfield	"
J. W. Wellman, L. Armsby,	Derry	"
Stephen Merrill, Jona. B. Cook,	Harmony	"
J. M. Ellis, J. L. Armes, A. W. Burnham,	Hollis	"
E. F. Buxton, J. M. R. Eaton, E. D. Eldridge, C. Curtice,	Hopkinton	"
C. W. Wallace, T. P. Sawin,	Manchester	"
B. Smith, M. Gerould, J. P. Humphrey, Ezra Adams,	Monadnock	"
Lyman White, James Boutwell, Asa Mann,	Piscataqua	"

R. F. LAWRENCE, D. J. NOYES, } Sullivan "

JONA. MCGEE, J. LEBOSQUET, } Union "

J. K. YOUNG, Secretary, A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer, M. H. WELLS, of Pittsfield, } Members Ex Officio.

H. M. DEXTER, from General Association of Massachusetts.

S. S. HYDE, from Consociation of Rhode Island.

J. M. STURTEVANT, D. D., from General Association of Illinois.

GEORGE H. ATKINSON, from Oregon Association.

R. W. DUNLAP, from General Assembly (O. S.) Presbyterian Church.

R. A. SMITH, from General Assembly (N. S.) Presbyterian Church.

D. PINKERTON, from General Convention Presbyterian and Congregational Churches Wisconsin.

Lancaster and Orange Associations were not represented.

The Association was organized by the choice of

Rev. M. GEROULD, Moderator.

J. LEBOSQUET, Scribe.

J. BCUTWELL, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the Body were then read by the Secretary, and prayer offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Lawrence, Wells and Shedd were chosen Committee of Nomination and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Ellis, White, Tenney, Dunlap and Hyde, a Committee to take minutes of the Narratives and prepare a Report of the same; when it was

Voted, to adjourn to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication from the General Association of Iowa was read, and referred to the Committee of Overtures.

On motion, prayer was offered by Rev. James Hobart, with particular reference to the severe drought that now prevails in this part of the country.

The Narratives of the State of Religion within the bounds of the bodies represented, were then given.

At half past three the Narratives were suspended for a few moments, during which remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Sturtevant, and prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Cummings, (Baptist,) of Pittsfield.

Rev. Worcester Willey made some statements in regard to the Cherokee Association, and offered prayer; when it was

Voted, to adjourn to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

At eight o'clock, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Merrill; and the record of the doings of the preceding day was read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted; and it was

Voted, That the expenses incurred by the Secretary and Treasurer in the discharge of their duties, be paid from the Treasury.

Voted, to appoint ten Delegates to attend the Congregational Convention to be held in the Autumn, at Albany, N. Y.

The following were the Delegates appointed: Rev. Messrs. J. K. Young, M. H. Wells, L. Armsby, N. Barbour, Samuel Lee, J. Cummings, J. T. McCollom, D. J. Noyes, A. Tobey, M. Gerould, W. Fifield.

Rev. Messrs. Shedd, Burnham, Wallace and Page, (the last by letter,) reported their attendance and reception at the meetings of the various bodies to which they were delegated last year.

Voted, to raise a Tax of fifty cents on each member to defray the expenses of the coming year.

Rev. Messrs. Leach and Carpenter were constituted a Committee to designate the place of meeting next year, and the Association to provide the Preacher—who subsequently reported Littleton as the place, and the Sullivan Association to furnish the Preacher.

At nine o'clock, the Association resolved itself into a Conference for half an hour, for the consideration of the Sabbath School Cause; after which, the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society held its Annual Meeting; the Cause of Collegiate Education at the West was presented; also that of the Cherokee Indian Mission.

Rev. C. W. Wallace and C. Curtice, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Report upon the subject of Temperance, to be presented this afternoon.

Adjourned to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was chosen Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Auditor.

The Pastoral Letter was reported by Rev. Mr. Murdock; accepted, and referred to the Publishing Committee.

Rev. Messrs. Carpenter and Jewett were appointed to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

For preacher before Communion service next year, Rev. C. Curtice was chosen Primary: Rev. W. R. Jewett substitute.

Rev. D. Kimball and the Scribes were constituted Publishing Committee.

Then Addresses were made in behalf of the American Missionary Association, and in relation to the progress of Evangelization at the West; when the Resolutions previously reported, upon the subject of Temperance, were taken up, discussed and passed, by a standing and unanimous vote:—the Resolutions being as follows:

Resolved, 1. That that the cause of Temperance is intimately connected with the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on the earth.

Resolved, 2. That the success of this cause imperatively demands the enactment of a Law similar to that now in force in Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, designed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, 3. That, with the blessing of God, we will never cease to labor and pray, until such a Law is placed upon the statute book of our own State.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied with the meeting of the New Hampshire Bible Society.

Adjourned to quarter before eight to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

Met at quarter before eight o'clock. Prayer by Rev. O. Holmes, followed by the reading of the Minutes of yesterday.

The following Report of nomination of Delegates to Foreign Bodies, was presented by the Committee of Overtures, which was accepted and adopted :

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Primary, Rev. L. White, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. M. Gerould, Primary, Rev. W. Wright, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. J. Scales, Primary, Rev. N. Barbour, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Primary, Rev. A. Richards, Substitute.

To the Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T: G. Brainerd, Primary, Rev. G. Leach, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. T. S. Norton, Primary, Rev. J. Richards, D. D., Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. E. H. Greeley.

General Association of Michigan, Rev. H. Wood, Primary, Rev. W. P. Gale, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. A. Jenkins, Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. C. Shedd, Primary, Rev. B. P. Stone, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Pres. Church, O. S., Rev. A. Tobey, Primary, Rev. W. T. Savage, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Pres. Church, N. S., Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Primary, Rev. M. H. Wells, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Chh., Rev. S. Lee.

Rev. Stephen Merrill obtained leave of absence.

The Report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented and accepted.

Voted, To publish six hundred copies of the Minutes.

A paper was introduced, and discussed somewhat, proposing alterations in the method of conducting the business of this body ; it was referred to the following Committee, to be reported upon next year : Rev. Messrs. J. Cummings, I. Willey, J. Boutwell, N. Bouton, D. D., and A. P. Tenney.

The question, " Shall the General Association invite the correspondence of other Evangelical Bodies in this State ?" was referred to the above Committee, to be reported upon next year.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State :—Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., J. T. McCollom, Amos W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and S. T. Abbott.

Voted, to recommend the observance of the Third Friday of September next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the churches of the State and the land. Also, that there be a more general observance of the last Thursday in February, as a day of Fasting and Prayer for Colleges.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the people of this place for their kind and generous hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and accepted, and at 10 o'clock, the Association gave place to the meeting of the New Hampshire Missionary Society : after which meeting,

Voted, to refer the report of the state of religion to the publishing Committee, to be published in the Minutes.

Voted, to adjourn after public service in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, Rev. A. W. Burnham preached from John 12 : 24 ; and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. John Richards, D. D. and Rev. Jonathan McGee.

Adjourned *sine die.*

MOSES GEROULD, *Moderator.*

JOHN LEBOSQUET, *Scribe.*

JAMES BOUTWELL, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In the review of the past year, we have to report, the removal of but one of our number by death ; and, recording, for the last time, with lingering sadness, the endeared name of Rev. Daaiel O. Morton, we are admonished, again, to work while it is day.

The general, outward prosperity of our churches in New Hampshire, is indicated in the prevalence of harmony and good order ; in the building, enlargement and remodeling of churches, and in the ordinary attendance on public worship.

Spiritual blessings, also, demand our grateful praise, especially in the effusion of the Divine Spirit upon the churches in Nashua, Hollis, North Hampton, Canterbury, Loudon, Meredith Bridge, New Ipswich, Hampstead, Merrimack, Westmoreland, Atkinson, Fisherville, Derry, Sanbornton, Manchester, Hanover, Goffstown, West Boscawen, Concord North, and Meriden. And, in view of the alarming decrease of candidates for the ministry, we rejoice to learn that several young men are found among the converts, of hopeful promise for the sacred office. In other churches, some mercy drops have fallen ; and, in others still, where the want of spiritual life is greatly to be deplored, hope yet prevails, from providential indications, that his mercy is not clean gone forever. Here and there, too, a church reported as extinct, is found to be yet alive. Some new churches are starting into life ; among which, the missionary church at Manchester is full of promise. And churches temporarily depressed by the emigration of members, are often comforted again by seeing them reappear in churches rising in our new villages or on the Pacific coast, and sometimes in positions of fourfold usefulness in the work of Christ.

The Academies of our State and our time-honored College, are all reported as unusually prosperous. Some of them have shared richly in the converting influences of the Holy Spirit — as Atkinson, New Ipswich, Meriden, and the Teachers' Institute at Merrimack. Several conversions, too, have occurred in the College. And to-day there comes to this body, in behalf of that ancient institution, and the birthplace of so many souls in former years, *the earnest entreaty for the prayers of God's people*, such as ceased not in years gone by, to go up from the domestic altar, as well as from the public sanctuary, and which so often brought down copious showers of converting grace upon the assembled youth of our land. It must be admitted that one of the *darkest aspects of our Zion*, is, the remarkable difficulty of awakening in our ministers and churches that spirit of united and importunate prayer for our College, that distinguished the devotional exercises of our fathers. Nor have we any scriptural ground of hope, that our College will ever be visited with revival influences as formerly, or that our young men will consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry, until the *divinely appointed relation between prayer and the work of the Spirit*, shall be more truly considered and appreciated, and men of faith shall say, in solemn earnestness, God forbid that we should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for the Col-

lege. And may we not add, that this is now the more imperious duty, since the increased facilities of the College, by the addition of the "Chandler School," will draw larger numbers together for good or for evil.

The subject of TEMPERANCE has not secured such attention from the friends of humanity, religion and law, as the cause demands.—Should the ministry of New Hampshire give back, or so far overlook the manifestations of Providence, as to fail *now* to put forth their wisest and best efforts, in conjunction with good men in other States, in this desperate conflict with the prince of darkness, the very "stones would cry out." But the stones will not be left to cry out in the silence of Heaven's appointed heralds of mercy, (as the resolutions, unanimously passed by this body testify;) and it will be the voice of God speaking in them. And the voice of every friend of humanity — and of every wife and mother and every child of inherited sorrow, robbed, and made wretched by the treacherous, murderous hand of rum-traffic, shall be heard, not only in petitions to the Legislature, but shall go up in one united agonizing cry to *God*, that "He will give our SENATORS wisdom," and fidelity, and courage, no longer to permit the sacred majesty of the law to protect the *crime-maker*, and the *pauper-maker* and frown on the sorrowing and the helpless, and mock their tears. "And all the people shall say Amen."

In regard to the cause of SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE and CHRISTIAN ENTERPRIZE, the reports exhibit instances of progress; yet very much remains to be done. Thirst for wealth and haste to be rich are working their legitimate results; and, unless the spirit of christian liberality can be actively developed, in proportion to the vast accumulation of wealth in the country, we shall soon have the most fearful demonstration of the spirit of *idolatry*, in the form of covetousness, coming over the land and over the churches,—and, if persisted in, all the prophets tell what judgments await us. The element of mischief is that love of money that is the root of all evil.—It robs Christ of his inheritance, and his ministers of their bread. It unsettles and depresses the ministry and beggars it, and deters young men from entering it. It is eating into the very vitals of the church as doth a canker. Blasting and mildew follow and spiritual death. And worldliness ensues, insatiable as the grave, and contagious as the plague. Multitudes forsake the house of God and the place of prayer, and cease to keep holy day. Regions once cultivated are becoming a desolation; in so much that one District Association calculates the time when, at the present rate, it must cease to exist! This absorbing selfishness controls multitudes who have solemnly covenanted with *Him* who has covenanted in blood. And where shall the end be?

But, while compelled to look on these gloomy features of our field, we are greatly animated with reports from our Sunday Schools.—These heaven-born institutions greet us this year with unusual interest as peculiarly related to the revivals reported from our churches. When told of 125 gathered into one church in a single year, it is natural to enquire what special influences have contributed to results so

glorious. And the answer, in this case is, most devoted pastoral labor and care, in connexion with quite unusual fidelity in Sunday School instruction.

They have made a great discovery ; infinitely more important than all that comes from the Patent Office at Washington. "For thirty-five years," says a venerable and esteemed teacher, "for thirty-five years have I been engaged as a Sunday School teacher ; but I have just found that I never knew any thing about Sunday School teaching till this winter. I had supposed, for 35 years, that when the lessons were well recited, and a few earnest and serious remarks were made, our work was done. But this winter has shown us that it was not yet begun !—and that all these lessons of Geography, Chronology, and Biography were all as nothing. *This winter, we sought the salvation of the soul.* The beginning, middle and end of our teaching has been to pluck perishing souls from everlasting burnings. No teacher ever thought of resting a moment till this was realized. Thus whole classes, one after another, were converted to God."

The work commenced in the class of a teacher, whose liability to instant death from chronic disease, admonished him continually that he might be on the last hour of his probation. So he labored, and so he prayed. Soon all his class felt it, and conversions became frequent, so as to attract the attention of other teachers. Thus the fire burned ; and the holy flame spread from teacher to teacher, and from scholar to scholar, like the cloven tongues of flame at the pentecost, visible to spiritual eyes, and felt by spiritual hearts, until the place, where they were gathered together, was filled with the Holy Ghost, and, baptized anew, they spake with tongues as they never had spoken before. "This," said the devoted teacher, "This is the way in all this glorious work, that God has wrought in us, and, by us ; in connexion with the most marked adaptation of every Sermon by our Pastor, to the peculiar state of mind and the varying wants of the congregation through every stage of the revival ; showing that his heart was in full sympathy with the work of God, watching for souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief." Rarely has there been a more instructive illustration of the great christian axiom, that *just in proportion to the wisdom and faithfulness and perseverance employed in the application of truth for the conversion of men, will the blessing be found.* Why may we not all resolve on the benefit of this great discovery in Sunday School teaching. and though late, begin our lives anew ? Who can tell what riches of mercy may be in store for us the coming year !

But while we celebrate the divine goodness, deploring the want of more abundant fruits of holiness among ourselves, we are greatly refreshed by the coming of delegates from corresponding bodies with their cheering reports. We receive, and most cordially reciprocate their fraternal congratulations. But especially do we sympathize with our brethren from the new States and Territories of the West, whence they come, toil-worn and weary, from laying the first foundations of education and religion, in those vast uncultivated regions of the new world. We have listened with deep interest to the eloquent remarks of the delegate from Illinois on the signal success of

the gospel there, especially, on the Colleges of the State, as an essential element of evangelization. From the feeblest beginnings, in some 28 years, 150 Congregational churches are reported; and the *last* has been a year of the right hand of the Most High. Some 1200 have been hopefully converted within their bounds during the year. Besides these, there are some 120 Presbyterian churches in the State; and most devoutly do we hope the catholic spirit of the delegate from Illinois may pervade all the churches and ministers of these respective denominations.

But we welcome, with more than ordinary interest, the first delegate from the General Associatiou of Congregational Ministers from OREGON, reporting churches, schools and an incipient College. In devout gratitude to the "Head of the Church triumphant," and, militant, we may now unite our hearts with our brethren in the Occident, in language no longer prophetic,

"And sing his name from shore to shore."

All hail, to the founders of Puritan institutions on the shores of the Pacific. The Bible and the domestic altar;—the meeting-house and the school-house;—the church and the College! And we not only tender to them our sympathy, but our cordial cooperation in the more substantial aid they ask, in a work so magnificent in design, so arduous in execution, and so full of promise to the church, the country, and the world.

But yesterday, the first builders, from the Mayflower, laid the great corner-stone of Congregational order, in the enduring elements of christian educatian, on the eastern shores of the new New World,—the unbroken wilderness, and the unbroken shadows of pagan darkness stretching away before them to the setting sun! Could those first builders have imagined such results as we now see, *as possible* in so short a time, what acclamations would have rent the air, and what solemn anthems have gone up to the God of the Pilgrims and the God of their children! But such visions of the future were not meet even for *their* faith, however severely disciplined. It was left for *us* to finish their work as to the broad extent of their foundation, and to bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. BUT THE TIME IS SHORT! Surely, God is compassing our whole land with indications of vast designs of mercy. The rapid developement of His plans startle, and almost confound us. He invites our cooperation and waits to be gracious. Why shall we not awake out of sleep? If the prayer of the prophet, of like passions with ourselves, was answered in copious rain on the parched earth, why do we not ask in faith for *spiritual* rain? Doth God take care for oxen! He who gave his Son to die for the lost, will he now be slow to hear prayer for lost souls?

In the language of the late Dr. Cornelius, "It will take a hundred centuries, at the present rate, for the world to be converted." Who is satisfied with this? Shall not each of us charge his own soul to enquire what share of this delay shall be found in him when God shall make inquisition for blood. We may not resolve this delay into divine sovereignty and rest there, till we *know* that all divinely-ap-

pointed instrumentalities have been truly and faithfully applied: as well may we pray, Give us day by day our daily bread, and cease to plough. What a spectacle for the "Great cloud of witnesses" to look upon, is the professor who stupidly folds his hands in contemplation of divine sovereignty when he knows, as has been reported to this body, that one-third or one-half of all the people around him, are hastening to everlasting ruin, never entering the house of God. "What thou doest do quickly."

JOHN M. ELLIS, *Chairman.*

PASTORAL LETTER.

BRETHREN IN CHRIST!

A truth developed and confirmed by history, is, that each period has characteristics peculiarly its own. Another truth ever to be kept by the side of this, is, that christian character ought to be adapted to each period: or, that those traits of christian character, demanded by the exigencies of the times, shall be particularly and fully unfolded. The wisdom of associating these two truths and being greatly influenced by them, has been abundantly illustrated in all the experience of the church. Never, perhaps, was it more apparent than in the present state of the world. There are features of that state which cannot but arrest the attention of the christian and impress him with the need of a character specially moulded for them. To some of these we shall allude, as the ground of our suggestions to you, with whom we mingle in the earnest conflicts of the christian warfare.

The DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE is a prominent feature of the present age.

Four centuries since the press was unknown, and a fortune was required to purchase a copy of the word of God. Within less than half that period the newspaper press began its work; and it has now no superior in the compass of human agencies for power. The modes of communicating intelligence have been correspondingly improved, till its transmission is now only equalled in rapidity by the quickness of thought. The public mind, throughout the world, is moved in consequence and has received an impulse which it will and must obey. There are also extraordinary facilities for reaching and influencing that mind — facilities never before enjoyed, for inculcating, to any extent, moral and religious truth; and facilities equally great, for diffusing sentiments destructive of good order and virtue, together with our present civil and religious institutions. Knowledge is being widely and rapidly diffused.

Equally evident is an existing spirit of restlessness tending to disorganization. This is inclined to wage a war of extermination against all that is pure and of good report. Nothing is too venerable, and nothing too humble, to escape its attacks. Its demands would only be satisfied by the destruction of our temples of worship; the ruin of

our churches; the prostitution of the Sabbath, and the reversal of all those influences now tending to purify the heart and link the soul to God. Nor would this be enough; for its sacrilegious hand is raised against all our most valued domestic, social and civil relations. Its aim seems to be, to dry up some of our richest fountains of happiness, and to rest only when virtue, law and right shall cease to be.

Another feature of the present time is its SECULAR ENTERPRIZE. Never, probably, in the history of the world has this been so universal and absorbing. It pervades the civilized world, and apparently pre-occupies its time and thoughts. It has made neighbors of distant nations, and brought the heathen world to our very doors. In every land are citizens of almost every other land, pursuing their appropriate callings, and quietly and perhaps unconsciously, preparing to bind together the whole family of man in one peaceful and prosperous brotherhood. The spirit to which we allude pervades preeminently our citizens, and is evident in every walk of life, and every department of exertion. A degree of energy and power, previously unknown, has thus been developed. Properly direct this, and it will work mightily for the renovation of the nations and the salvation of man; but let it be misdirected and the most dread ruin must ensue.

Another feature still of the present time is ABSORBING AND INCREASING INFIDELITY.

It is not, indeed, the brazen-fronted infidelity of a former time, which openly deified reason and gloried in its blasphemies against God; but it is more dangerous, and far more difficult to meet. It works like the Jesuit, slyly and unwarily insinuating itself into the very sources of thought and feeling and truth, until these fountains are corrupted and the work of death, all unsuspected, is done. It is a kind of infidelity which springs from the restlessness of the times. It casts suspicion on all religion and its professors. It talks largely of faith, and providence, and prayer, and all forms of worship, but in reality it mocks at them all as old and stale ideas. It sneers at all the efforts of the earnest disciples of Christ to spread the gospel, and is the religion of the man who never prays. Yet under some of its various forms it is both in the church and out of the church, and is one of the most subtle and dangerous foes with which the church has to contend.

In view of such features of the present as these, there is an obvious and fearful responsibility resting upon those, who have engaged in the enterprize of moulding the entire world for God. We think there are elements of christian character thus designated as specially needful.

Among these, or rather beneath them all, is an *all-pervading piety.*

A piety is needed which permeates the life and operates in every act. Without this the soldiers of the cross will be of little service on the field of conflict. To be a good soldier, or to honor Christ any where, a christian must be a christian always and every where—not in the sanctuary, and the Sabbath School, and the meeting for prayer only, but in the family, and in all his business relations, and in

the political assembly. He must be always serving God and doing good—not shrinking from responsibility, nor forsaking the cause of Christ when popularity or personal reputation are endangered—not hesitating in duty, till the direction of the popular current is ascertained or secretly indulging in practices of doubtful morality. He needs to take high and decided ground in favor of every thing good, and against every thing evil, and to occupy it in the fear of God and as the servant of Jesus Christ. "Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good."

Associate with this piety the element of *intelligence.* Christians need power for good. Knowledge communicates a portion of that power. An acquaintance with the gospel and acquaintance with the world will do it — the gospel in its spirit as well as the creeds and systems in which its doctrines are taught — and the world in all those things which tend to make it "wiser than the children of light." If christians have not as much general knowledge as other men; nay, if they have not more, in proportion to their means of acquisition, they will be but poorly qualified for their department of the great work committed to the church.

The state of the times demands also *efficiency.* This is needed in every department of christian duty, but primarily in direct efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ. The highest degree of enterprize man knows, needs to be brought to bear on the promotion of the best interests of the church and the conversion of the world. The enemies of God and truth rest not. Error is rapidly spreading. The most dangerous forms of infidelity are secretly stealing their way over the world. The man of Sin is making strenuous efforts to plant his foot firmly on the rock of all Protestant christendom. Civil oppression triumphs, and the salvation of the world lingers. It is not, therefore, a time in which christians can, without deep guilt, be inactive, or unenterprizing in the cause of the Redeemer. The work at home and abroad is imperious in its claims, and is sufficient to employ and exhaust all the resources of the church. So we should ever consider it and gird ourselves for corresponding effort. Our Great Leader seems, now authoritatively, to be saying to us, "Be watchful to discover, prompt to undertake, and energetic to accomplish every thing practicable for my cause and kingdom." "Do with your might what your hands find to do, and do it now."

Fearlessness and decision should eminently characterize the christian. Men of the world are decided and undaunted in their pursuits, and if christians are not equally so, they must expect their own defeat and the triumph of the hosts of wickedness. Obviously, men who are afraid to be singular — who shrink from meeting the full tide of obloquy and scorn which "those that will live godly in Christ Jesus" must expect — men who dare not speak above their breath for God and holiness, are not the christians which the present exigencies demand. We need men of a hardier spirit, who shall be both living witnesses for the truth and bold contenders for the faith. The divine requirement is, "Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Giving heed to it, the moral energies of the

church would be so used, and the forces of the enemy would be stayed and ultimately defeated.

These are some of the leading traits of christian character needed to meet the necessities of the present time. We come to ask you, christian brethren, to seek earnestly this attainment. Do it by obtaining for yourselves and securing for others as much as possible of religious intelligence, by a more full and familiar acquaintance with the instructions of the Bible bearing upon these points; by a thorough discipline in benevolent action, and by a most cordial co-operation in the work of God, with all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

Let us not solicit of you, in vain, 1st, a renewed dedication of yourselves and your all to God. You are not your own, but Christ's. That truth you admitted, when, in the freshness of your first love, you publicly covenanted to be the Lord's. That was an act full of meaning. All that you was and had you promised should subserve the interests of Christ's kingdom. Fulfil that pledge, by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse and thus prove anew the fidelity of God.

2d. Increased diligence in the use of the means of grace. A living church must have its sanctuary, its Sabbath worship, its social bands that often bow in prayer, its domestic altars, fragrant with the morning and evening sacrifice, and its closet where each member comes alone to meet his God. In proportion as these are neglected the church will languish. If they are deserted, it will die. Be you faithful in the use of all the appointed means of grace.

And, 3dly, That your leading errand at the throne of grace originate in the present state of the church and the perishing world.—The work of reviving the one and saving the other is a great work. God's Spirit only is equal to to it. Under His wise suggestions and powerful aid, the feeblest instrumentality will become mighty to convince and convert. Then, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart; Wait, we say, on the Lord."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire,
In account with A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer.

DR.	To paid L. Tenney's bill for freight on Minutes, -	,50
	Rev. Dr. Barstow's bill for postage, &c. -	1,77
	Rev. D. Kimball's bill for printing Minutes, doing up, and Postage on them, - -	35,50
	Rev. J. K. Young's bill for Postage, - -	1,99
	Baldwin & Farrington for printing blank Church and Associational returns, - -	6,42
	For Treasurer's book, - - -	,25
	Expenditures,	$46,43

CR.	By Union Association for 1850,	4,00	Harmony,	2,00
	" " 1851,	3,00	Deerfield,	3,00
	Piscataqua	8,00	Lancaster,	1,00
	Monadnock	7,00	Derry,	1,50
	Belknap	2,50	Hopkinton,	7,00
	Hollis	5,50	Former Treasurer,	17,64
			Receipts,	$62,14
				46,43
			Balance in the Treasury,	15,71

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. A. P. Tenney, Treas. of N. H. Gen. Association, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched. N. BOUTON, Auditor.

Concord, Aug. 1852.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

To the General Association of New Hampshire the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund report—That they held their Annual Meeting June 3, 1852, in the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton, and heard the Report of the Treasurer and accepted it; and then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, to wit, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President, S. Morril, Secretary, P. T., Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer, and Messrs. N. Bouton and S. Morril, Auditors, Messrs. Bouton, Morril and Fisk, Executive Committee The Rev. Dr. Burnham on account of his infirmities declined any further service as Secretary of the Board: thereupon a vote of thanks was presented to him for his long and faithful services.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec. P. T.

After the adjournment the Committee met and made the following appropriations:—

To Mrs. Ruth B. Thompson $25, to Mrs. Moses Dow $25, to Mrs. Lucretia Burge $25, to Mrs. Mary Pillsbury $25, to Mrs. Betsy Hull $25, to Mrs. Joanna S. Cogswell $25, to Mrs. Calvin Cutler $25, to Mrs. Abby Lawton $25—amounting to $200.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec. P. T.

The Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund acknowledges the receipt of the following sums since his last Report, viz.

1852. June 2.	From a contribution at the Pastoral Convention,	$20,48
	Cong. Church and Society, Newport,	4,20
	Cong. Church and Society, Bennington,	5,50
	Cong. Church and Society, Lempster,	3,15
	Rev. Daniel Sawyer, Hill,	2,00
9.	Cong. Church and Society, Brentwood,	4,00
	Rev. J. Boutwell, formerly of do.	1,00
July 23.	From dividend on 11 shares in N. Railroad,	27,50
	dividend No. 44 at Savings Bank,	6,56
	Total	73,89

The Treas'r. has paid out the following sums during the same time:

To widows Abby Lawton, R. B. Thompson, Mary Pillsbury, Lucretia Burge, J. S. Cogswell, C. Cutler, M. Dow, Betsey Hull, $25 each, 200,00

Aug. 24, 1852. F. N. FISK, Treas.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Died.	Exc.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	50	128	178	1	2	3	6	2		8	1	9	10
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	41	75	116	6		6	3	2		5	5	3	8
Gilmanton East,	John C. Page,	No report.													
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	56	87	143		5	5	2	2		4		2	2
Sanbornton,	Jas. Boutwell,	June 2, 1852.	52	93	145				1	2		3		2	2
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	15	30	45				1	1		2		3	3
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	27	53	80		6	6		2		2			
Loudon 1st ch.	Ed. F. Abbott,	Stated supply.	27	54	81	12		12		1		1	4	1	5
Alton,	Not quite extinct.			6	6				2			2			
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.	96	139	235				3	5		8		2	2
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	46	120	166	2		2	1	1		2	1	4	5
Campton,	Chas. Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	40	61					1		1		2	2
Thornton,	Jas. Hobart,	Stated supply.	5	8	13		1	1						2	2
Bridgewater,	No report.														
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	4	20	24										
Groton,			17	18	35	2		2			1	1	1		1
16 churches.	14 ministers.	10 settled.	457	871	1328	23	14	37	19	19	1	39	12	30	42

Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, without charge. C. C. Durgin, Licentiate, at Gilmanton.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Baptisms. Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Daniel McClenning,	April 29, 1852.	11	20	31		2	2							
Franconia,			6	10	16				1			1			
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	96	132	2	3	5	1		1	2	2	1	3
3 churches.	2 ministers.		53	126	179	2	5	7	2		1	3	2	1	3

Unsettled Ministers—Drury Fairbank, Littleton; David Sutherland, Bath.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	Rufus A. Putnam,	Stated supply.	46	79	125				3		2	5			
Deerfield,	Destitute.	Not reported.													
Epsom,	Do.		34	67	101				2		2	4			
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1850.	35	51	86					1	2	3		4	4
Nottingham,	Not reported.														
Pittsfield,	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	53	105	158	5	1	6	2		3	5	2	1	3
6 churches.	3 ministers.		168	302	470	5	1	6	7	1	9	17	2	5	7

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex. Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	30	60	90	11	3	14		1	1	7	5	12
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	24	37	61	1	6	7	2	1	3	1	4	5
Candia,	William Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	101	163	264				5	6	11		2	2
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	61	125	186	5	1	6	2	5	7	1	8	9
Derry, First Church,	J. W. Wellman,	June 18, 1841.	85	169	254	14	9	23	7	5	12	6	6	12
" First Cong. Ch.	Ebenezer L. Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	36	89	125	1	5	6	2	1	3		1	1
Hampstead,	John M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.	39	53	92	9		9	2	2	4	2		2
Salem,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply.	20	39	59	3	7	10		3	3	1		1
Pelham,	E. B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.	20	66	86	Last year's report.								
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	60	94	154	10	1	11	4	1	5	7	1	8
10 churches.	10 ministers.		476	895	1371	54	32	86	24	25	49	25	27	52

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,	Destitute.	Dismissed July 8, 1852.	24	50	74						1	1			
Effingham,	Destitute.		11	28	39										
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge, Jonathan B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850.	31	47	78				5		3	8			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	28	44	72	2		2		1		1	1		1
Sandwich Corner,	Destitute.		19	36	55				1			1			
Sandwich N. Ch.			7	12	19				2		1	3			
Tamworth,	Destitute.		49	78	127				3		7	10			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	13	29	42				1			1			
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour,	June 15, 1852.	21	37	58	1		1					1		1
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill,	Stated supply.	22	37	59	1	2	3			1	1	1		1
Tuftonborough,	Do. ¼ the time.		9	17	26				1		2	3			
11 churches.	6 ministers.		234	415	649	4	2	6	13	1	15	29	3		3

Without charge—Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Rev. Jeffries Hall.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	90	224	314	13	5	18	9		6	15	7	2	9
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	24	52	76		2	2	1		2	3		2	2
Hollis, *	P. B. Day,	1852.	62	109	171	4		4	2		2	4			
East Jaffrey,	Vacant.														
Mason,	J. L. Armes,	Oct. 30, 1850.			133		3	3	5			5			
Mason Village,	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	41	81	122	3	3	6	2		2	4	2		†2
Merrimack South,*	Samuel H. Tolman,		11	23	34										
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			297	4	10	14	2		4	6	3	1	4
Nashua 1st ch.	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.	83	357	440	36	6	42	4		4	8	19	2	21
Nashua Olive st.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	141	284	425	110	10	120	5		3	8	60	1	61
Nashua Pearl st.	Destitute.		52	137	189	31	7	38	17			17	16	3	19
New Ipswich 1st ch.	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	85	172	257	9	4	13	†38		2	40	3	2	5
New Ipswich 2d ch.	J. Ballard,	July 14, 1852.	22	38	60	†									
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	84	145	229	3		3	1		4	5		2	2
Mont Vernon,	Charles D. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	52	117	169	11	4	15	10	2	3	15	9	13	22
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1844.													
Wilton,	Vacant.														
17 churches.	15 ministers.		747	1739	2916	224	54	278	96	2	32	130	119	28	147

Ministers without charge—Ebenezer Hill, H. Moore, D. D., Leonard Jewett, J. E. B. Jewett, J. W. Shepard.

* Statistics taken from previous report. † For the organization of the 2d Congregational Church.

‡ Organized October 9, 1851, with 57 members.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died. Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	7	11	18									
Boscawen East,					220	Last year's			report.					
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	60	102	162	6		6		2	2		3	3
Bristol,	Garland,	Stated supply.			29	Last year's			report.					
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	45	88	133	8		8	3	2	5	3	6	9
Concord East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	31	78	109	1	7	8	4		4		2	2
Concord First,	N. Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	66	190	256	8	3	11	5	2	7	2	4	6
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.			211		4	4	5	2	7		15	15
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	63	126	189	1		1		3	3	1	3	4
Fisherville,	J. M. Stearns,	Stated supply.	23	50	73	1	4	5	1		1	1	2	3
Franklin,	Wm. T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	24	77	101	1	1	2	6		6		2	2
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	56	124	180	1		1	5	2	7		1	1
Hill,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	13	30	43	1		1	4		4			
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	Stated supply.	53	120	173	2	3	5	7	2	9	2	3	5
Loudon,	T. Newton Jones,	Stated supply.	14	16	30	2	1	3	3		3	1		1
Northfield & Sanb. Br'g.	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	34	68	102	3		3	1	2	3	1	1	2
Pembroke,	J. H. Merrill,	Nov. 1850.	29	99	128		2	2	1	4	5		3	3
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldredge,	June 12, 1849.	36	57	93	3		3	3	3	6	1	10	11
Warner,	H. O. Howland,	Stated supply.	36	77	113	2	3	5	5	1	6	1	6	7
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	14	18	32	4	1	5				2		2
20 churches.	19 ministers.		604	1331	2395	44	29	73	53	25	78	15	61	76

Without charge—Benj. P. Stone, E. Price, Wm. Patrick, A. Burnham, D. D., Henry Wood.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	18	37	55									3	3
Dalton,	Destitute.		8	19	27						1	1			
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply.	11	57	68	1		1			3	3	1	4	5
Stewartstown,	Destitute.		14	20	34	1		1	1	1	3	5		3	3
Whitefield,	Destitute.														
5 churches.	2 ministers.		51	133	184	2		2	1	1	7	9	1	10	11

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford,	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	130	145	275	3	9	12	4		6	10		7	7
Dunbarton,	J. M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	36	95	131						4	4			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	35	71	106	8		8	1		6	7	4	3	7
Hudson,	Wm. Page,*	Aug. 14, 1844.	20	52	72	4		4	7		4	11	1		1
Litchfield,	Wm. Page,	Stated supply.	6	12	18						2	2			
Londonderry,	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.	56	110	‡166	1	1	2			1	1	1	5	6
Manchester 1st ch.	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	78	167	245	10	5	15	4		4	8	6	3	9
do Franklin st.	H. S. Clarke,†	Sept. 26, 1849.	64	169	233	22	23	45	14		3	17	10	1	11
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept. 4, 1850.	50	91	141	44	10	54	1		2	3	30	10	40
9 churches.	9 ministers.		475	912	1387	92	48	140	31		32	63	52	29	81

* Dismissed June 28, 1852. ‡ There are 26 non-residents besides. † Dismissed July 1, 1852.

City Missionary, Manchester—T. P. Sawin.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead 1st church,	S. G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	23	58	81	1	1	2					1		1
New Alstead,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	49	61	110				1		1	2			
Paper Mill Village,			11	21	32					1	3	4			
Chesterfield,	Last year's report.		12	39	51										
Dublin,	Alonzo Hayes,	April 30, 1851.	16	30	46				2		1	3		3	3
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins, Jr.	Feb. 16, 1848.	60	106	166		1	1	5	1	3	9		1	1
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	11	27	38		1	1	1			1			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844.	38	74	112	2	2	4		2	1	3	2	2	4
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, / L. Tenney,	Dec. 10, 1782. / March 19, 1845.	35	107	142	4	6	10	7		3	10	1	5	6
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	66	227	293	7	2	9	7		2	9	2	5	7
Marlborough.	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	26	64	90	1	4	5	1		4	5		2	2
Nelson,	S. M. Stone,	Stated supply.	40	65	105					2	2	4			
Harrisville,	Wm. G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	23	47	70	2	6	8	6	1	3	10	1		1
Roxbury,			11	19	30	1	1	2	2			2			
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1803.	10	35	45	3		3			4	4			
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845.	26	62	88		1	1	1		2	3		4	4
Surry,	Report of 1847.				21										
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15 1836.	21	35	56	3	1	4	2		4	6	1	2	3
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	21	48	69				1		1	2			
Walpole,	A. Goldsmith,	Jan. 1, 1852.	23	75	98				4		3	7			
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	42	106	148		3	3			1	1		6	6
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	63	125	188	5	3	8	5		7	12	3	5	8
22 churches.	19 ministers.		627	1431	2079	29	32	61	45	7	45	97	11	35	46

Unsettled Ministers—Gad Newell, Nelson; Silas Wilder, Keene.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bath,	T. Boutelle,	Stated supply.	42	90	132	1		1	2		3	5		5	5
Canaan,	No Report.														
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	33	102	135	5	2	7	7		1	8	4		4
Haverhill North,	Destitute.		7	6	13										
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 15, 1831.	141	247	388	3	2	5	7		8	15	1	1	2
Orford East,	Jotham Sewall,	Stated supply.	46	41	87				1		2	3			
Orford West,	Wm. Clark,	May 17, 1849.	30	74	104										
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	37	66	103	1		1	2			2		3	3
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1822.	15	28	43				4	1		5			
9 churches.	5 ministers.		351	654	1005	10	4	14	23	1	14	38	5	9	14

Unsettled Ministers—N. Lord, D. D., R. Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	15	31	46		1	1	1		1	2			
Brentwood,	Vacant.		22	52	74						1	1		1	1
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	79	257	336	20	3	23	5		12	17	15	6	21
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	10	50	60	1		1	1		3	4			
Epping,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	19	33	52	1	1	2			1	1		4	4
Exeter 1st church,	Roswell D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	47	81	128	3	2	5			4	4	2	3	5
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, 1817.													
	Asa Mann,	Nov. 19, 1851.	18	79	97						3	3			
Farmington,	Vacant.		10	15	25				2			2			
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	16	25	41		1	1	3			3		1	1
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 7, 1849.	66	136	202		4	4			2	2			
Kingston,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	18	49	67	10		10	2	2	1	5	2	8	10
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	27	56	83		2	2			2	2			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	7	20	27										
Newington,	Vacant.	Last year's report.		5	5										
Newmarket,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	13	31	44						1	1			
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D.,	Nov. 18, 1801.	55	88	143		2	2	1	2	4	7		2	2
Portsmouth,	Vacant.		76	254	330	6		6	12	1	8	21			
Raymond,	David Burt,	Nov. 4, 1851.	54	88	142		1	1	1		3	4		2	2
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	77	96	1	2	3	2		3	5		2	2
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	32	74	106						4	4			
Seabrook & Hamp. Falls	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	24	49	73	4		4	1		2	3	2	3	5
Salmon Falls, Rollinsford	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	26	61	87		3	3	6		1	7			
Great Falls,	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	42	108	150	1	6	7	4		1	5	1		1
South Newmarket,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	11	14	25	1		1							
Stratham,	J. R. Whittemore,	Stated supply.	16	35	51				1		1	2			
25 churches.	22 ministers.		722	1758	2490	48	28	76	42	5	58	105	22	32	54

Unsettled Minister—Jonathan Ward, Brentwood.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	68	97	165				4		5	9	1	2	3
Charlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.			74	2	2	4	3			3	1	1	2
Claremont,	Robert F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	67	135	202	8	4	12	8		2	10	8	2	10
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Dec. 1, 1835.	31	48	79	2	1	3	5	1		6		1	1
Croydon,			23	31	54						1	1			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 2, 1842.	85	134	219	7	3	10	10		5	15	3		3
Enfield,			7	8	15				2			2			
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	20	29	49					1		1		2	2
Langdon,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	15	26	41		3	3						1	1
Lebanon,	Chas. A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	41	95	136	1	5	6	5		1	6		1	1
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	30	43	73				1		4	5		2	2
Lempster 2d,			14	15	29				1			1			
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	33	54	87	7		7					4		4
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	71	120	191	2	5	7	4		5	9		9	9
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply 10 years.	7	27	34	1		1	2		1	3	1	1	2
Unity,			3	6	9				2			2			
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	10	33	43		2	2	1			1			
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	35	60	1	3	4	2		1	3		1	1
18 churches.	14 ministers.		550	938	1558	31	28	59	50	2	25	77	18	23	41

Unsettled Ministers—J. Woods, Newport; Prof. C. B. Haddock, Prof. D. J. Noyes, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden. J. DeF. Richards, Charlestown.—*Licentiates*—Prof. J. N. Putnam, Hanover; C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim,	John M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	56	114	170	2	3	5	2		4	6	2	1	3
Bennington,	C. N. Ransom,	Stated supply.			50	3		3	1		2	3			
Bradford,	D. Goodhue,	May 2, 1848.	14	38	52				5	1	2	8			
Deering,	Wm. P. Gale,	Stated supply.	12	27	39										
Francestown,	L. Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	100	215	315	11	12	23	17		4	21	3	9	12
Greenfield Evangelical,	Jonathan McGee,	Stated supply.			121	2	5	7			1	1		6	6
Greenfield Cong.	J. LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	37	72	109	2	1	3	1		3	4		3	3
Hancock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	74	122	196	1	8	9	1	1	3	5		2	2
Hillsborough Centre,	Destitute.				82						6	6		2	2
Hillsborough Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	21	36	57	2	3	5			2	2	1	2	3
Lyndeborough,	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	50	80	130		1	1	1	2	5	8		3	3
New Boston,	A. Rawson,	Stated supply.	53	112	165										
Peterborough,	H. J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			140		2	2	7			7			
13 churches.	12 ministers.		417	816	1626	23	35	58	35	4	32	71	6	28	34

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Com'cants.	Added.	Removed	Bap.
Belknap,	16	14	1328	37	39	42
Caledonia,	3	2	179	7	3	3
Deerfield,	6	3	470	6	17	7
Derry,	10	10	1371	96	49	52
Harmony,	11	6	649	6	29	3
Hopkinton,	20	19	2395	73	78	76
Hollis,	17	15	2916	278	130	147
Lancaster,*	5	2	184	2	9	11
Manchester,	9	9	1387	140	63	81
Monadnock,	22	19	2079	61	97	46
Orange,	9	5	1005	14	38	14
Piscataqua,	25	22	2490	76	105	54
Sullivan,	18	14	1558	59	77	41
Union,	13	12	1626	58	71	34
Total,	184	152	19,637	903	805	611

* Last year.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Ervin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Totals.															

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Belk. & Carroll,	April, May.	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.
Merrimack,	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.	April, May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.	April, May.	June, July.
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.	April, May.	June, July.	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.	April, May.	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb., March.	April, May.	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.

* Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † Also, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.

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MINUTES.

The GENERAL ASSOCIATION of New Hampshire assembled at LITTLETON, in the Congregational Meeting House, on Tuesday, August 23, 1853, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Sermon, by Rev. Amos Blanchard, from II Kings, 4 : 13. After the Sermon, a collection was taken up in aid of the Widows' Charitable Fund; and the Preacher being in the chair, the credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following members found to constitute the General Association :

DELEGATES.	ASSOCIATIONS.
Rev. R. M. SARGENT, E. F. ABBOTT, ALMON BENSON,	BELKNAP.
DANIEL McCLENNING,	CALEDONIA.
M. H. WELLS,	DEERFIELD,
JESSE PAGE,	DERRY.
N. BARBOUR, J. H. MERRILL,	HARMONY.
HOWARD MOODY, HENRY F. PARKER, A. P. TENNEY, B. P. STONE,	HOPKINTON.
SAMUEL LEE, WILLIAM CLARK,	HOLLIS.
J. B. HILL,	LANCASTER.
T. G. BRAINERD,	MANCHESTER.
EZRA ADAMS, ABRAHAM JENKINS, M. GEROULD, Z. S. BARSTOW, D. D.	MONADNOCK.
E. H. GREELEY, T. BOUTELLE,	ORANGE.
B. F. PARSONS, SOLOMON FAY, E. E. ATWATER,	PISCATAQUA.
RUFUS CASE, AMOS BLANCHARD, JACOB SCALES, HENRY CUMMINGS,	SULLIVAN.
WILLIAM P. GALE,	UNION.
J. K. YOUNG, Secretary, A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer, E. I. CARPENTER, Littleton,	Members ex officio.

DAVID EASTMAN,	from General Association of Massachusetts.
ELIJAH JONES,	General Conference of Maine.
E.. CLEAVELAND,	General Convention of Vermont.
CHARLES BENTLEY,	General Association of Connecticut.
S. VAILL,	Gen. Assembly (O. S.) Pres. Church.
FENNELL,	Gen. Assembly (N. S.) Pres. Church.
SAMUEL A. BENTON,	General Asso. of Michigan.
B. F. PARSONS,	Gen. Convention of Pres. and Cong. Churches of Wisconsin.

The Association was organized by the choice of
Rev. JACOB SCALES, Moderator,
Rev. JESSE PAGE, Scribe,
Rev. RUFUS CASE, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary, and prayer offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Carpenter, Barstow and Clark were chosen a Committee of Nomination and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Barbour, Sargent, Vaill, Eastman and Hall were appointed a Committee to take minutes of the narratives, and prepare a report of the same: when it was voted to adjourn to half past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition of making alterations in the method of conducting the business of this body, reported through their chairman, Rev. Jacob Cummings, which report was accepted.

Narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the District Associations and corresponding foreign bodies were presented, and after some remarks by Rev. W. Clark, prayer was offered by Rev. S. Vaill.

The following nomination of Delegates to foreign bodies was presented by the Committee of Overtures, and adopted:

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. L. White, Primary, Rev. E. Adams, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. W. Wright, Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. N. Barbour, Primary, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Austin Richards, Primary, Rev. Wm. Clark, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. G. Leach, Primary, Rev. A. Jenkins, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. J. Richards, D. D., Primary, Rev. S. T. Abbott, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. H. Moody, Primary, Rev. J. Page, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. E. Buxton, Primary, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. B. P. Stone, Primary, Rev. E. E. Atwater, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. W. P. Gale, Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Substitute.

To the Gen. Assembly of the Pres. Church, O. S., Rev. W. T. Savage, Primary, Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Substitute.

To the Gen. Assemby of the Pres. Church, N. S., Rev. M. H. Wells, Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker, Substitute.

To the Gen. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. S. Lee, Primary, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Substitute.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Barbour, Merrill and Moody were appointed a Committee to report the place and preacher for the next meeting, who reported Derry, first church, as the place, and that Union Association furnish the preacher; which report was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State:—Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., J. T. McCollom, Amos W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, S. T. Abbott, J. Woods, and Z. S. Barstow, D. D.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

Voted to raise a tax of 25 cents on each member to defray the expenses of the year ensuing.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of alterations in the business arrangements of the General Association reported—That once in four years the statistical reports should embrace the following particulars, in addition to the usual annual reports, such as amount of minister's salary, missionary aid, if any, donations to benevolent objects, ratable property in the church, per cent. paid for sustaining the gospel, including minister's salary, donations, &c., population of the town, and average attendance on evangelical worship.

The above Committee further suggest the expediency of devising means for giving more efficiency and permanency to our various operations as a denomination. We need, for instance, a historical department, in which may be collected and preserved these various statistics; which will become of vast interest to the future historian. We need a safe place of deposit for many documents of great value; which, if left

in private libraries, will soon be lost. We need a central place of business, where Bibles, Tracts, &c., can be found, and where the business of our various Benevolent Associations can be transacted. We should thus greatly simplify, systematize, and facilitate the operations of our Benevolent Societies; and thus reduce the expense of the agencies employed therein. We therefore recommend that the General Association appoint a Committee of five to consider these several topics and draw up a plan for carrying them into operation.

The above report was accepted, and the following persons were appointed a Committee agreeably to its suggestion :—

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, A. P. Tenney, J. Cummings, M. H. Wells, and J. K. Young.

The cause of the Tract Society, of the American Missionary Association, of the Seamen's Friend Society, and of Foreign Missions were severally presented and advocated.

The following resolutions, presented by the Rev. J. H. Merrill, and advocated by Rev. L. Beecher, D. D., and others, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Barstow, were passed unanimously by the congregation.

Whereas the progress of the cause of temperance is essential to the welfare of society, and the interests of morality and godliness,—

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the principles embodied in what is called, " The Maine Law."

Resolved, That we earnestly desire, and will labor for the adoption of a similar law in this State.

Resolved, That until that desire is met, we recommend the strict enforcement of the present laws.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Congregational ministers of our State to present the subject in their pulpits and in the School districts, in their respective towns.

The cause of the American Sunday School Union was was presented by their N. E. Secretary, Rev. N. Munroe.

Adjourned to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That a Committee of one, on Sabbath Schools, be appointed annually, by this Association, who shall collect statistics from the County Secretaries, and make report, and make arrangements for the Sabbath School meeting; and that he be an honorary member of this body.

Rev. J. H. Merrill was appointed that Committee.

The Report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented and accepted.

The following resolutions in regard to the Widows' Fund were introduced and adopted.

Resolved, That it is highly important that the Widows' Charitable Fund be so increased, as to allow of much larger appropriation being made to its beneficiaries.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees of said Fund and report at the next meeting of this body as to the best measures for the permanent enlargement of the Fund.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Pastors and ministers of our churches, that they present the case of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen to their people, and take up a collection in their behalf the coming year.

Rev. Messrs. A. P. Tenney, W. T. Savage and Corban Curtice were appointed said Committee.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted :—

Resolved, That we approve of the effort of the friends of peace to produce a public sentiment that shall require of the governments of nations, that such differences between them, as cannot be settled by negociation, shall be referred for final settlement, to umpires to be chosen by the parties interested.

Resolved, specially, that we will use our influence to secure, forthwith, petitions to the President of the United States, that there may be introduced into the pending treaty with Great Britain, an article involving this principle.

Voted, to have a recess to give place for the Bible Society.

After the recess, adjourned to to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, Aug. 25.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Cummings. Minutes of the preceding day were read.

The following persons were appointed Committees on the objects of benevolence :—Rev. H. E. Parker, on Seamen's Friend Society ; Rev. W. T. Savage, on Foreign Missions ; Rev. E. H. Greeley, on American and Foreign Christian Union ; Rev. J. Boutwell, on the Tract cause.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the Railroad Companies who have favored its members with a reduction of fare in coming to and returning from this place. Also, to the people of Littleton for their kind and generous hospitality ; and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

Resolved, That in corresponding with ecclesiastical bodies which have in their connection those who hold their fellow men in bondage, we wish to be distinctly understood, that we

do not give our sanction to the system of slavery, or look with satisfaction upon the practice of slaveholding, but continue the correspondence with the hope that our influence may hasten the removal of this glaring reproach upon our common Christianity, and incubus upon the progress of a pure gospel.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the resolutions pertaining to the subject of slavery, passed at the late Congregational Convention at Albany, and of the principles set forth in the number of the Home Missionary for March of the present year, as those by which the American Home Missionary Society is governed in affording aid to churches in slaveholding States.

Rev. Messrs. T. G. Brainerd and E. G. Parsons were appointed a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

Rev. Messrs. J. Page, R. Case, and D. Kimball were appointed the publishing Committee.

Voted, To publish six hundred copies of the Minutes.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. E. I. Carpenter and accepted and adopted.

Voted, That we recommend that the Pastoral Letter be read publicly to the churches in this body.

At 10 o'clock, the Association gave place to the meeting of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

After which meeting, voted to adjourn after public service in the afternoon.

Rev. M. Badger, D. D., of New York, and Rev. Charles Bentley, of Connecticut, were appointed to officiate at the communion.

Voted, To accept and adopt the report of the Committee on the state of religion, and that it be published with the Minutes.

In the afternoon, Rev. Corban Curtice preached from John 19:5; and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. Milton Badger, D. D., and Rev. Charles Bentley.

Adjourned *sine die*.

JACOB SCALES, *Moderator*.

JESSE PAGE, *Scribe*.

RUFUS CASE, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Time still flows on, and now has brought us to another of our Annual Meetings, and to the review of another year. And these passing years, under the direction of Jehovah, bear to eternity one after another of the ministers, the church-members, and the people to whom we preach, the prepared and the unprepared for the great judgment of God. And the Head of the Church is gathering his chosen ones from the discipline and conflict of the militant state, to the gracious rewards and victory of his church in glory. God, in his great mercy, has preserved from death the settled pastors of this State another year. But we are called to mourn the death of our venerated fathers and beloved brethren. DR. BURNHAM, Rev. D. Fairbanks, S. M. Stone and J. M. Stearns, known for faithful labor, and some of them called from the active duties of preaching as stated supplies. From a neighboring Commonwealth also, come the tidings of the death of the Rev. Phineas Cooke, for many years associated in labor and love with the ministers of this state. We lament over the ceasing of their preaching, but believe that they are still praising, and we hope to meet, an unbroken company in the General Assembly and Church of the First Born in Heaven.

The delegates from several district Associations report an increased attendance on public worship, and a more general attention to the stated means of grace. Some places, however, are laboring under local difficulties, invaded by a prevalent spirit of gain and worldliness, or injured by an intemperate or Sabbath-breaking, and an unsettled population.

General harmony prevails within the churches. In some instances, where coldness or division has long existed, there is a greater desire for peace, and somewhat of a return to Him who, by his voice calms the tempest. Though we hear of dismissions of pastors, yet there seems to be a slight increase in the permanence of the settled ministry, and more desire by the churches to retain their tried and experienced leaders.

One district Association reports 12 preparing for the ministry, and numerous others are known in various parts of the state.

On the "shady side" of our hills and mountains, occasional bursts of sunshine greet us in augmented and more punctual compensation, in parsonages fitted up, and in better, though still very imperfect, appreciation of the labors of the ministry.

Several meeting houses have been built or thoroughly repaired, and efforts are being made in other places for the same purpose. There is an increasing feeling that the house of God should be rendered attractive, and in some measure correspond with the purity and simplicity of the gospel preached in it. And above all, there seems to be a desire and prayer, though far too little, that the Holy One would descend and fill the places of His worship with the cloud of his special, spiritual, converting and sanctifying grace. And the river of the gospel salvation whose streams are for the healing of the people, is still flowing on, gathering volume from many open and many unseen sources, from precious revivals, from the rills of individual conversions and from springs on its banks, when the baptized children of the church accept the vows for themselves,—that stream, whose origin was in the bosom of the everlasting Father, the course of which lies through the ages of human history, is rolling on among ourselves, and approaching, year by year, its great outflow in the millennium. We cannot very easily or definitely measure its progress, or weigh the increment of its waters from year to year. But we would notice with devout thankfulness to God several precious indications of good during the year past.

Revivals have been enjoyed in Campton, Gilsum, Sullivan, Winchester, Acworth and Newport. There has been considerable religious interest in Dover, Claremont, Bethlehem, Salmon Falls, New Alstead, Keene and oth-

er places. Portsmouth, though destitute of a Pastor, has been receiving blessings from the great Bishop of souls in conversions and additions.

It is also specially cheering to hear of religious interest in Dartmouth College, and in New Ipswich, Meriden and other Academies. We may reasonably hope that young men, consecrating themselves to God in these places, will devote to religion and the church their disciplined talents.

On many other churches the dews of divine grace are gently distilling, and souls are won from the kingdom of satan into the kingdom of God. Additions have also been made to some churches in considerable numbers of the fruits of former revivals. Six of the Associations report a considerable majority of additions over removals. Six report a slight decrease, one reports the same number of each, and one gives us no statistics: 13 out of the 14 Associations of the State sum up 318 more additions than removals.

Our churches are often diminished by emigration, as the fertile soil and the detrition of the rocks is washed from our lands to constitute the fruitful meadows of other states And in their pride and our weakness, they often, though not always, forget the rock whence they were hewn.

There seems to be increasing interest in the cause of education, indicated by numerous select schools and Academies, while we hope the more important district schools are not neglected.

Many reports rejoice us by the tidings of increased numbers and interest in Sabbath Schools also, and tell us of transplanting from these nurseries into the garden of the Lord. In one instance in particular, a young girl was deeply anxious for the conversion of her friends connected with the same Sabbath School Class, and her special prayers for that purpose were richly answered; her friends were converted, and God seemed to use that as one opening means of a gracious work of revival.

There is gratifying evidence that God has been pleased to set his seal of approbation upon the consecration of infants, and has remembered his covenant in very numerous instances to the children of the righteous and even to their children's children.

The churches continue to contribute to the various causes of benevolence, though by no means so largely as the important calls demand. Yet many, out of their comparative poverty, give liberally, while others, in wealth and wealthy communities, bestow far less in comparison with their ability. So far as can be judged from the reports presented, there has been an increase generally in the amount contributed over the previous year. A majority of the Associations that report upon the subject, report an increase. But some branches of effort have received less attention and smaller contributions than previously.

The efforts to secure a new and more efficient law upon the subject of Temperance have hitherto failed, yet the friends of the cause should not be dishcartened, but planting themselves upon the principles of the gospel, should persevere till they gain the victory.

The enactment of more stringent laws upon the subject by the states on the East, South and West, has tended to make this state, like Nineveh of old, a pool, not of water, even stagnant, but of a most deadly and offensive liquid, around which the streams of drunkards delight to congregate.

Oh! that the God of Elisha would, by the special influences of His spirit cause the place to be healed by the Gospel!

The delegates from corresponding bodies cheer us by congratulations and tidings of general prosperity and progress, of revivals in some churches, and institutions of learning, mingled also with shadows such as the prince of the power of the air, ever and everywhere casts upon this sin-stricken world.

In view of all, we are called to mourn present desolations, we are impelled to earnest prayer, we are driven to the great source of strength, to God, our King. Yet are we also encouraged to labor still faithfully and

pray importunately, to keep open the sanctuaries and carry on the operations of the usual means of grace, trusting for good results for strengthening of Christians, for the conversion of souls, each year, hoping also continually for greater revivals of God's work, and longing for the day, when through all our peopled vallies salvation shall flow, like streams of living water, and even on the mountains, a handfull of corn shall bring forth fruit to wave like Lebanon.

R. M. SARGENT, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

PASTORAL LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN—Watching for souls as those who must give account, we feel deeply concerned for your religious prosperity. And, that we may leave no opportunity unimproved, we would embrace the occasion of our annual gathering to join in the expression of Christian salutations, and in addressing to you a few words of counsel and exhortation. The subject to which we invite your attention, is that of MAGNIFYING YOUR CALLING.

The Christian system is no human institution, but perfect and divine. Planned in the councils of eternity, it was promulgated among men by Divine interposition and by Divine methods. "Holy men of God spake and acted as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Its central fact is the advent of a Divine person — Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, and co-equal with the Father—to die the just for the unjust, and make it consistent for God to forgive sin and receive the believer to the blessedness of heaven.

It is, moreover, through the Divine agency that any embrace the Gospel system. "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

And then, it is all of love — the noblest and holiest principle of the heart. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And it was love that animated the Savior's bosom, and that controls the agency of the Holy Spirit.

In its design, also, the Christian system is equally noble, equally Divine. It seeks interests as important as human goodness and human happiness, and lasting as the undying soul and the throne of God. It gives "promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" — the peace of earth and the purity of heaven — reconciliation with an offended God and a condemning conscience.

And it is complete and perfect in its character. It not only holds out a "*promise* of the life that now is, and of that which is to come," but it contains their principles and means in all their fulness. It fails in the fulfilment of no promise, disappoints no hope. "All things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Thus the Gospel is a stupendous system of Divine wisdom, power and goodness, and its benefits are grand and glorious beyond human thought. And we would have you feel and act in sympathy therewith. We would have you hold it forth and treat it, on all occasions, and all the relations of life, as a Divine system; as claiming, by virtue of its origin, methods

of promulgation and intrinsic excellence, the first and the holiest regards of men. We exhort you ever to show that you glory in it. Exhibit no wavering, take no dubious positions, let no false notions of modesty keep you from a frank avowal of your claim as nobler and better than others. Humility is, indeed, a cardinal grace of Christianity. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory," is the language of genuine piety. But then, grace is better than nature, and, as having "put off the old man corrupt according to the deceitful lusts and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness," you may not, you should not shrink from acknowledging and supporting your claim, as seeking the holiest and happiest life possible with man.

Frequently, however, we witness conduct widely different from this; — conduct that goes to depreciate the power and excellence of the Christian faith — to present it before men as a matter to occupy only the fragment of time and means. For one thing, this is the case when men are honored not according to Christian character. We cannot help respecting talent, liberal thinking, large intelligence, irreproachable morals, amiable deportment; but these things are not religion: though reaching up among the finer feelings and nobler qualities of our nature, they lie far down from the serene and holy heights of Christian faith, and hope, and practice, and we must not allow them to loom up like the deceitful mirage, and shut out those heights as objects of constant vision. Great statesmen, scholars, artists, merchants, and the like, are much smaller in God's esteem than the real Christian, though born in a hovel, reared without cultivation, and living in obscurest poverty.

For another thing, christians fail to magnify their calling in not carrying out the principles of the Gospel, in the social, political and business relations of life. Many seem to be very good christians on the Sabbath, and in the immediate duties of their profession, while, in the relations just named, they act as if there were no such thing as religion. Diligence in business, with fervor of spirit, is something quite impossible in their esteem. They must be in sympathy with the occasion and the circle about them; — do after the manner of those with whom they happen to be associated. But remember, brethren, that you not only do not thus exalt and honor your profession, but rob it of its glory and worth, degrade it to a second-rate affair, make it the business and enjoyment of only the leisure hours of life.

For another thing, the conduct in question is seen in the manner in which expenditures for religious purposes are conducted. The interests of the church are often suffered to languish, the ministry to drag out a feeble and embarrassed life, the meeting-house to go to decay, while railroads and banks and measures of worldly improvement and profit, are liberally, if not lavishly supported. Christian men will invest hundreds of dollars in non-paying railroad stock for the sake of increased facilities of communication, value of real estate, and to see the iron horse course through their lands, or pass their doors, who are too poor to aid in restoring the paint on the old weather-beaten church, and in putting the services of religion in an attractive and commanding position. Does such conduct magnify the Christian profession? Does it hold forth the Gospel of Christ as of unearthly splendor and worth?

Once more; the Christian calling is depreciated and greatly shorn of influence by the regard paid to public and occasional religious gatherings,

—church conferences, prayer-meetings, anniversaries, and the like. The Jews could go up to Jerusalem several times every year and spend a whole week in religious services ; but the church as a body cannot now take a single day for a similar purpose. It is often difficult to obtain a delegation of two brethren, from a church of a hundred or more members, to a yearly Conference of two days. How seldom does the great body of Christians within the County assemble in a solemn, devout, earnest religious meeting ! And yet a moment's reflection will show that scarcely any human acting is better suited to impress the minds of men and exalt religion before them, than such gatherings. O, could we see the men and women of our churches going up in one earnest, believing body to our holy convocations on their annual return, how it would animate and encourage our hearts !

Now, we earnestly exhort you, brethren, to remember the high calling of your profession, and to present it before your fellow men in all its true grandeur and excellence. Aim to be just those noble, manly, benevolent, rejoicing men and women, which the Divine character of Christianity contemplates. As all things are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's, let nothing, — neither life nor death, neither things present nor things to come, separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are engaged to this by such considerations as these. For one thing, your own religious growth and enjoyment demand it. What we are ashamed of before men, we cannot long or largely enjoy by ourselves. He who shrinks from an open, decided avowal of his faith before others, will be likely to make but a feeble and indifferent surrender of himself to Christ. What is dear to us we naturally love to exhibit to others. We cannot see how a person, who is ready to put his religion aside when the profit and pleasure of the world come in conflict therewith, can find very satisfactory enjoyment in the profession of it, or advance very rapidly in its attainments.

For another thing, your usefulness is largely concerned in the conduct we are urging. What you are ashamed of before men, you cannot do much to extend over the world. It is only when we think most highly of religion ; when its many and great excellencies pour into our minds their excitements without abatement, that we are ready to do most for its spread. It was this that lead the first, and many, if not all, of our later missionaries, to leave the endearments of kindred and home and go forth to wear themselves out on heathen shores. And it is only when practically held up before men as " the chief concern of mortals here below," that it arrests their attention and wins them to its embrace.

The honor of God, also, requires Christians to magnify their calling. We honor our fellow men when we place a due estimate on the gifts they bestow and exhibit them in their true character. And how can we properly honor God while we lightly esteem the Rock of Ages — so mutilate the person of Christ, so disfigure his excellencies that his true character cannot be seen ?

Once more ; proper encouragement of us, your ministers, requires that you magnify your calling. It is through and in connection with you that we are to advance the cause of Christ among men. How disheartening, then, when by making this holy religion a trifling, a secondary affair, you pour contempt on the very object we are endeavoring to present as " the chief concern of mortals here below" ! True, duty is ours and

results God's. But then, constituted as we are, while we walk by faith, it helps us much when we can gather full sheaves from the grain of our own sowing, — when we see rising up on either hand, living testimony to the glory and divinity of the system we advocate.

Thus, brethren, you are urged by considerations of the most weighty character to magnify your calling. And we press them upon your attention. Keep the dignity of your profession ever present in your thoughts. To be a follower of Jesus, a child of God, an heir of glory; — to have Christ living within us, to be temples of the Holy Ghost — how glorious, how divine! May you not magnify such a calling; may you not joyfully receive "the spoiling of your goods" in the pursuit of such a profession! May you not, with an air of triumph, hold it forth as the greatest and best of gifts! Remember that your whole conduct comes under the severe inspection of your fellow men, and that they are often deeply influenced by things which seem quite indifferent and trivial to you. Let it ever appear, therefore, that you set a high, a divine value on the Christian calling. Make it a great and glorious matter in all your religious conduct; take pains for express purpose of holding it up as worthy of greater sacrifices, severer toil, heavier expenditures of time and money than any other matter of pleasure or profit. So shall you honor and "glorify God in your bodies and spirits which are his."

E. IRVIN CARPENTER, For the Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire,
In account with A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer.

DR.	To paid Rev. David Kimball's bill for printing 600 copies of the Minutes for 1852—32 pages,	$36,00
	Do. for postage and freight on the same,	4,16
		$40,16

CR. By cash received of the following Associations—

Union,	$5,00	Belknap,	3,00	Orange,	2,00	Hopkinton,	7,00
Monadnock,	7,00	Manchester,	3,00	Harmony,	2,00	Piscataqua,	6,00
Do. for 1851,	1,50	Deerfield,	1,00	Hollis,	6,50	Caledonia,	1,00

By balance in the Treasury, when last audited, 15,66

Receipts,	$60,66
Expenditures,	40,16
Balance in the Treasury,	$20,50

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of the Treas. of the N. H. Gen. Asso. and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

1853, June 2. At the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, present, Rev. Mr. Bouton, Francis N. Fisk, and Samuel Morril. Voted, to adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec'y.

The Executive Com. made the following appropriations, June 2, 1853—

To Mrs. Ruth B. Thompson $25; Mrs. Moses Dow $25; Mrs. Nancy Pillsbury $25; Mrs. Betsey Hull, $25; Mrs. Joanna S Cogswell $25; Mrs. Abby Lawton $25—$150. S. MORRIL, Sec.

1853, Aug. 6. The Executive Committee of the Widows' Charitable Fund voted to receive Mrs. Stearns, widow of Rev. J. M. Stearns, as a beneficiary of the Fund, on recommendation of Rev. D. Burt of Raymond.

S. MORRIL, Sec.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Meredith Bridge.	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831,	47	126	173	2	2	4	9		3	12	2	6	8
Gilmanton Iron Works.	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844,	40	74	114	1		1			3	3	1	1	2
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.		14	24	38						1	1			
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	58	87	145	1	6	7	2		3	5	1	2	3
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell,	June 24, 1852,	55	92	147	7	4	11	5		2	7	3	1	4
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840,	15	29	44				1			1			
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842,	25	53	78					2	1	3		1	1
Loudon 1st Church,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated Supply,	26	54	80	7	1	8			2	2	3		3
Alton,	Vacant,	Last year's report,		6	6										
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804,	95	139	234	1		1	2		5	7		1	1
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845,	45	120	165	3		3	3		1	4	1	4	5
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842,	28	52	80	21	3	24			2	2	14		14
Thornton,	Vacant,		9	13	22										
Bridgewater,	Vacant.														
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated Supply.	6	21	27	1	4	5			1	1	1	4	5
Groton,			15	17	32	1	1	2	1		2	3	1		1
16 churches.	11 ministers.		478	907	1385	45	21	66	23	2	26	51	27	20	47

Without charge—Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton. Licentiate—C. C. Durgin, Gilmanton.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Daniel McClenning,	April 29, 1852.	12	22	34	4		4			1	1	4		4
Franconia,			4	8	12						1	1			
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	33	97	130	1	2	3	1		4	5			
3 churches.	2 ministers.		49	127	176	5	2	7	1		6	7	4		4

David Sutherland, Bath, without charge.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	43	76	119				2			2			
Deerfield,	William A. Fobes,	do.	38	74	112	1	1	2			3	3			
Epsom,	Destitute,	No report.	34	67	101										
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1849.	33	53	86		1	1		1	3	4		9	9
Nottingham,	Destitute,	No report.													
Pittsfield,	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	55	106	161	2	6	8	4		3	7	1	1	2
6 churches.	4 ministers.		169	309	478	3	8	11	6	1	9	16	1	10	11

DERRY ASSOCIATION

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	31	61	92	5		5	1		1	2	4		4
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	18	33	51						3	3			
Candia,	William Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	99	165	264	10		10	4		4	8	5	1	6
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	62	124	186	4	3	7	3	1	8	12	1	4	5
Derry, First Church,	Joshua W. Wellman,	June 18, 1851.	83	157	240	8	2	10	5		3	8	1	4	5
" First Cong. Ch.	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	38	98	136	10	3	13	2		1	3	3	2	5
Hampstead,	John M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 12, 1846.	26	63	89	2	3	5	4		3	7	1	2	3
Pelham,	Vacant,	Last year's report.	20	66	86										
Plaistow,	Charles Tenney,	Stated supply.	37	27	64				1		1	2		1	1
Salem,	William Page,	Stated supply.	13	40	53		1	1	3		1	4			
Windham, Pres. ch.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	56	94	150	3		3	3		4	7	2	2	4
11 churches.	10 ministers.		483	928	1411	42	12	54	26	1	29	56	17	16	33

Rev. Mr. Browne, without charge.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,*	Destitute,		24	50	74										
Effingham,*	Destitute.		11	28	39										
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 27, 1828.													
	Jonathan B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850.	30	47	77		1	1	1		1	2			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	28	44	72		2	2	2			2			
Sandwich Corner, *	Destitute.		19	36	55										
Sandwich, N. church.*	Destitute.		7	12	19										
Tamworth,	J. H. Merrill,	Aug. 17, 1853.	63	107	170				5			5			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	13	27	40						2	2			
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour,	June 15, 1852.	22	39	61	1	3	4			1	1	1	1	2
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill,	Stated supply.	20	37	57				1		1	2			
Tuftonborough,	Do. ½ the time,	Stated supply.	8	17	25					1		1			
Farmington,	Daniel D. Tappan,	Stated supply.	10	14	24		2	2	1			1		2	2
12 churches.	8 ministers.		255	458	713	1	8	9	10	1	5	16	1	3	4

Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, without charge.

* From last year's report.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	92	213	305	3	6	9	9	2	5	16	3	6	9
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	24	50	74				1		1	2			
Hollis,*	P. B. Day,	June, 1852.	62	109	171										
Mason,	Ebenezer Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790.													
	J. L. Armes,	Oct. 31, 1850.	45	56	101	2	1	3	7		2	9	1	6	7
Mason Village,*	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	40	88	128	7	8	15	5		4	9	5	3	8
Merrimack South,*	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	11	23	34										
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			305	3	6	9	2		3	5	3	2	5
Nashua, 1st church,*	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.	83	357	440										
Nashua, Olive street,*	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	141	284	425										
Nashua, Pearl street,*	Ezra E. Adams,	Aug. 31, 1853.	52	137	189										
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	86	176	262	9		9	5	3	10	18	3		3
Lindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 19, 1821.	92	163	255	24	10	34	3		7	10	12	12	24
Mont Vernon,*	Charles D. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	52	115	167	3	3	6	6		2	8	3	3	6
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1844.	30	60	90	4		4	2	1	3	5	3		3
Wilton,															
15 churches.	14 ministers.		811	1881	2946	55	84	89	40	6	37	83	33	32	65

Without charge—William Clark, Seneca White, Amherst; Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; Leonard Jewett, Hollis; John M. Ellis, J. W. Shepard, Nashua. * From last year's report.

In last year's report New Ipswich, 2d church, Rev. J. Ballard, Pastor, was included—22 males, 38 females, total 60. It was not returned in the report of this year. The publishing Committee were not advised of the cause of the omission.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	Stated supply.	8	12	20		2	2	1			1		1	1
Boscawen East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 8, 1853.	60	90	150	11	1	12		2	2	4	2	1	3
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	60	103	163	4	3	7	4		2	6		5	5
Bristol,	—— Garland,	Stated supply.			29	former report.									
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843,	45	81	126	1	1	2	2		7	9		5	5
Concord, East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	34	60	94	1	1	2	1		4	5	1	2	3
First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.	March 28, 1825.	69	187	256	5	2	7	5	1	2	8	1	4	5
South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	83	155	238	9	12	21					4	1	5
West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	62	126	188	1		1			2	2		3	3
Fisherville,	Daniel Lancaster,	Stated supply.			73	Last year's report.									
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.			101										
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	54	122	176		1	1	1	1	3	5		2	2
Hill,	Daniel Sawyer,	S. S.—now destitute.	13	29	42				1		1	2		1	1
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	[illegible] 1853.			173	Last year's report.									
Loudon,	—— Willey,	Stated supply			30	Last year's report.									
Northfield & Sanb. Br'ge,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	34	79	113	15	4	19	3	2	3	8	7		7
Pembroke,	Robert Crossett,	Stated supply.			128	Last year's report.									
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldredge,	June 12, 1849.	36	57	93	1	1	2			2	2	1	2	3
Warner,	Harrison O. Howland,	Stated supply	35	86	121	5	2	7	6		3	9	2		2
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	16	21	37	3	2	5							
20 churches.	19 ministers.		609	1208	2351	55	32	88	24	6	31	61	18	27	45

Without charge—E. Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, Henry Wood.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. Former report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Male	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died. Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	18	35	53						2 2		2	2
Dalton,	—— Blake,	Stated supply.	9	20	29				2		2			
Lancaster,	Destitute.		11	51	62						2 2			
Stewartstown,	J. Wooster,	S. S. half the time.	11	17	28									
Whitefield,	Destitute.													
5 churches.	3 ministers.		49	133	172				2		4 6		2	2

Without charge—J. Morse, Stewartstown.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford, Pres.	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	56	103	159	8	3	11	4	2	6	1	6	7
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	34	93	127		2	2	2	4	6			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	35	75	110	3	1	4		3	3		2	2
Hudson,	D. L. French,	Stated supply.	24	47	71					1	1			
Litchfield, Pres.														
Londonderry, Pres.	T. G. Brainerd,		65	127	192					1	1			
Manchester, 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	78	170	248	5	2	7	8	2	10		3	3
2d do.	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 3, 1852.	58	166	224	4	14	18	17	1	18	2	1	3
Chris. Mission,	T. P. Sawin,	March 26, 1858.	7	27	34	7	27	34				5	1	6
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept 4, 1850.	64	106	170	28	4	32	2	1	3	21	10	31
10 churches.	9 ministers.		421	914	1235	55	53	108	33	15	48	29	23	52

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead, 1st church,	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	18	56	74	1		1	4		1	5			
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	51	74	125	4	4	8	3		2	5	2	3	5
Paper Mill Village,	George S. Kemp,	Stated supply.	10	20	30										
Chesterfield,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Stated supply.	15	43	58				1		1	2		1	1
Dublin,			17	31	48	4		4	1		1	2	4		4
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins, Jr.	Feb. 16, 1848.	59	101	120	1	1	2	4	1	4	9		4	4
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	16	29	45	9		9	2			2	2	2	4
Hinsdale,			32	47	79	2	1	3	2		2	4		10	10
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, / Leonard Tenney,	Dec, 10, 1782, / March 19, 1845.	36	104	140	1	4	5	2		5	7	1	9	10
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	70	237	307	8	11	19	2	1	2	5	5	7	12
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	31	70	101	12		12					5		5
Nelson,	C. N. Ransom,	Stated supply.	44	59	103	1		1	2	1	3	6		3	3
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	23	42	65		2	2	7			7		1	1
Roxbury,	Samuel H. Tolman,	Stated supply.	11	19	30										
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1803.	8	32	40	3		3	3			3	3	1	4
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845.	28	57	85	5	1	6	4		3	7		3	3
Surry,			2	12	14						2	2			
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, 1836.	23	35	58	2	3	5	1		2	3	2	4	6
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	21	47	68						1	1		1	1
Walpole,			23	75	98	Last year.									
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	42	113	155	1	1	2	1		11	12		11	11
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	64	130	194	15	1	16	5		2	7	5	4	9
22 churches.	19 ministers.		644	1433	2077	69	29	98	44	3	42	89	29	64	93

Without charge—Gad Newell, Nelson; Silas Wilder, Keene.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.	
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1853.	37	89	126		2	2	5	3	8		12		12
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated supply.	7	15	22										
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	36	119	155	2	1	3		4	4		1		1
Haverhill North,	Destitute.		7	6	13	Last year's report.									
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	1849.													
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 15, 1851,	134	231	365	4	6	10	7	4	11				
Orford East,	Jotham Sewall,	Feb. 16, 1853.	46	39	85		2	2	4		4		1		1
Orford West,	Ira Case,	Dec. 1, 1852.	22	50	72		3	2	2		2				
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	36	65	101					2	2				
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1822.	12	24	36				5	2	7				
10 churches.	8 ministers.		337	638	975	6	14	20	23	15	38		14		14

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	14	32	46	1		1			1	1	1		1
Brentwood,	Vacant.	Last year's report.	22	52	74										
Dover,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1853.	87	286	373	18	5	23	2		5	7	8		8
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	9	50	59		3	3			4	4			
Epping,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	19	32	51				1			1			
Exeter, 1st church,	Vacant,		47	80	127						1	1		1	1
Do. 2d do,	Isaac Hurd, — Asa Mann, —	Sept. 11, 1817. Nov. 19, 1851.	18	78	96						1	1			
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	16	31	47		6	6	1		1	2		1	1
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 6, 1849.	68	140	208	10	5	15	2		7	9	2	7	9
Kingston,	Vacant.	Last year's report.	18	49	67										
Milton,	James Doldt,	Last year's report.	27	56	83										
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	7	20	27										
Newington,	Vacant.														
New Market,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	13	28	41						3	3		2	2
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D. J. Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1801. Nov. 18, 1852.	74	109	183			41				5			22
Portsmouth,	Vacant.		78	213	291			24				14			5
Raymond,	David Burt,	Nov. 4, 1851.	52	84	137	3	3	6	1			1	1	3	4
Rochester,	George Spaulding,	Stated supply.	19	81	100	4	4	8	3		2	5	2	2	4
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	73	104							2			4
Seabrook & Hamp. Falls	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	22	48	70				1		2	3		1	1
Salmon Falls, Rollinsford	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	29	67	96	15	3	17	7		1	8	5		5
Great Falls,	James T. M'Collom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	45	108	153	1	7	8	2	1	2	5	1	2	3
South New Market,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	10	17	27	3	1	4			2	2	2	3	5
Stratham,	Vacant.		19	29	48							2			
24 churches.	20 ministers.		744	1764	2508			156				66			75

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
cworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	88	122	110	44	8	52	2	5	7	17	7	24
harlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.	19	56	75	3	4	7	4	2	6	1	1	2
laremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	66	150	216	27	3	30	6	5	11	15	14	29
ornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Dec. 1, 1835.	*31	48	79									
roydon,			24	42	66	1		1	2		2			
artmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	92	142	234	14	4	18	2	1	3	5	1	6
nfield,	Daniel Pulsifer,	Stated supply.	8	9	17									
oshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	20	33	53	3	2	5		1	1		1	1
angdon,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	15	27	42	3	1	4	2	1	3		4	4
ebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	41	93	134		1	1	3		3		1	1
empster, 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	27	43	70	1		1	3	2	5	1	4	5
empster, 2d,			12	15	27									
eriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	39	63	102	15	3	18	2	1	3	5	2	7
ewport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	99	165	264	98	15	113	8	2	10	41	19	60
ainfield,	Jacob Seales,	S. S. since Sept. 1842.	6	28	34									
nity,	No report.		*3	6	9									
ashington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	11	33	44		3	3		1	1		1	1
est Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	36	61		1	1					4	4
18 churches.	15 ministers.		626	1111	1737	209	45	254	34	21	55	85	59	144

Without charge—John Woods, Newport; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John M. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden. C. B. Haddock, D. D., Portugal. Licentiate—C. S. Richards, Meriden.

* From last year's report.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim,					*170										
Bennington,	John M. Whiton,	Stated supply.			*50										
Bradford,	Destitute.				*52										
Deering,	Wm. P. Gale,	Stated supply.	12	27	39										
Francestown,	L. Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	103	216	308	11	3	14	8	2	8	18	1	13	16
Greenfield, Evan.	Jonathan McGee,	Stated suppiy.	42	92	124	3	1	4			2	2		3	3
Greenfield, Cong.	Johu LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	34	72	108	2		2			3	3		1	1
Hancock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	70	121	191		2	2	2		3	7			
Hillsborough Centre,	Samuel H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853.	23	34	57						1	1	6	6	6
Hillsborough Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1848.	16	37	53	1	1	2	3		3	5			
Lyndeborough,	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.			*130										
New Boston,	A. Rawson,	Stated supply.			*165										
Peterborough,	Destitute.				*140										
13 churches.	10 ministers.		300	588	1587	17	7	24	15	2	22	39	1	25	26

Without charge—Daniel Goodhue, Shelburne.

* From last year's report.

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communic'ts.	Add.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	16	12	1385	66	51	47
Caledonia,	3	2	179	7	7	4
Deerfield,	6	4	488	11	16	11
Derry,	11	10	1411	54	56	33
Harmony,	12	8	713	9	16	4
Hollis,	17	15	2946	89	83	65
Hopkinton,	20	19	2351	88	61	45
Lancaster,	5	3	172		6	2
Manchester,	10	9	1335	108	48	52
Monadnock,	22	19	2077	98	89	93
Orange,	10	8	975	20	38	14
Piscataqua,	24	20	2508	156	76	75
Sullivan,	18	15	1737	254	55	144
Uunion,	13	10	1587	24	39	26
14	187	154	19,864	984	641	613
From note below,			303			
			20,167			

In the recapitulation we have included the return of last year from the 2d church of New Ipswich, 60 members; also Wilton from a former report, 107 members. Also, Hooksett, 39 members; Shelburne, 7 members; Dorchester, 15 members. Hanover Centre belongs to Orange Association, but was not reported. We estimate its members 75. The Publishing Committee add these to the sum of the communicants.

The District Associations have all sent in their reports. The communicants in Manchester Association average 1335, not 1235 as in the schedule. 6 Associations report a decrease of 53; 1 no change; and 7 report an increase of 396; net increase 343.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Belk.& Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May.	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. March,	April, May	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

* Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † Also, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.

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AT DERRY,

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MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at Derry, in the Meeting House of the First Church, on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Concio by Rev. J. Cummings, from Ps. 73 : 26. After Sermon the preacher took the chair ; credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were presented and the following members were found to constitute the General Association :

Delegates.	Associations.
Rev. JAMES BOUTWELL,	Belknap.
RUFUS CHILDS,	
DANIEL McCLENNING,	Caledonia.
E. F. ABBOTT,	Deerfield.
J. M. C. BARTLEY,	Derry.
LOREN THAYER,	
DANIEL D. TAPPAN,	Harmony.
CHARLES D. HERBERT,	Hollis.
P. B. DAY,	
DANIEL MARCH,	
WM. T. SAVAGE,	Hopkinton.
NATHANIEL BOUTON, D.D.	
EDWARD BUXTON,	
E. G. LITTLE,	Manchester.
THOMAS SAVAGE,	
THOMAS S. NORTON,	Monadnock.
J. P. HUMPHREY,	
WM. G. TUTTLE,	
BEZALEEL SMITH,	
JOTHAM SEWALL,	Orange.
EDWARD ROBIE,	Piscataqua.
B. F. PARSONS,	
WINTHROP FIFIELD,	
LATHROP TAYLOR,	Union.
SAMUEL PARTRIDGE,	
J. K. YOUNG, Secretarp,	Members ex officio.
A. P. TENNEY, Treasnrer,	
J. W. WELLMAN, Derry,	

P. F. BARNARD,	General Conference of Maine.
C. W. MATHEWS,	General Convention of Pres. & Cong. Churches of Wisconsin,
C. F. MUSSEY,	Ohio General Conference.
E. E. SEELEY,	Gen. Assem. Pres. Church, O. S.
E. TAYLOR,	Gen. Assem. Pres. Church, N. S.
M. W. BURLINGAME,	N. H. Freewill Baptist Conference.
C. BURNHAM,	General Association of Iowa.
AMRI CAMP,	Gen. Asso. of New York & Brooklyn.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. P. B. DAY, Moderator; Rev. L. TAYLOR, Scribe; Rev. E. ROBIE, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. Wellman, Savage and Boutwell were appointed a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Little, Merrill, Taylor and Camp were appointed a Committee to take minutes of the narratives of the state of religion.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Bartlett, the narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the District Associations and Corresponding Bodies were presented.

Remarks were offered by Rev. Mr. Willey, and prayer by Prof. Noyes and Rev. Mr. Fifield.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Camp.

The Treasurer presented his Report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was re-elected Treasurer, and Rev. Dr. Bouton was chosen Auditor.

Voted, That a tax of 25 cents be assessed upon each member of the District Associations, to defray the expenses of the year ensuing.

The following were appointed Delegates to Foreign Bodies:—

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. James Boutwell, Primary, Rev. Horace Wood, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. L. Taylor, Primary, Rev. Erdix Tenny, Substitue.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Amos Blanchard, Primary, Rev. Otis Holmes, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. J. K. Young, Primary, Rev. I. T. Otis, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. Savage, Primary, Rev. L. Armsby, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. J. G. Davis, Primary, Rev. A. P. Tenney, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. A. Benson, Primary, Rev. T. Boutelle, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. Asa Mann, Primary, Rev. Charles A. Downs, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. J. M. Ellis, Primary, Rev. E. E. Adams, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. E. E. Adams, Primary, Rev. J. M. Ellis, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., Rev. Jacob Cummings, Primary, Rev. E. G. Little, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., Rev. H. E. Parker, Primary, Rev. J. W. Wellman, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.

To the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, Rev. L. Townsend, Primary, Rev. J. B. Hill, Substitute.

To the N. H. Methodist Conference, Rev. B. Smith, Primary, Rev. W. Fifield, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, Rev. Jotham Sewall, Primary, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Substitute.

Rev. Dr. Bouton, of the Committee to whom had been referred the subject of altering the business arrangements of the General Association, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :-

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of alterations in the business arrangements of the General Association, respectfully report, that they have attended to the subject referred to them, and would recommend to the Association the following alterations :

1. That to the schedule of the Annual Report of the state of the churches, the following articles be added, viz.

(1.) The amouut of ministerial support.
(2) Amount of contributions for benevolent objects.
(3) The number of contributors to ministerial support.
(4) Population of the town.
(5) Average number of the congregation.

2. We recommend that the annual statistical returns be committted to the Standing Secretary of this Association, to be arranged and preserved by him on file, or to be published according to the order of the Association.

3. To accommodate the Christian community in business transactions with our benevolent Societies ; to promote economy in time, and, we hope, in expense; to furnish a suitable place for the resort of ministers to see each other and acquire religious information, on occasions of their visit to the Capital ; — the Committee recommend that a suitable man in Concord be appointed, by the concurrent ballot of the N. H. Missionary and Bible Societies — and approved by this Body, — who shall provide proper accommodations in a central place ; keep a Depository of Bibles and Tracts, and such other publications as may be desirable ; shall act as Treasurer for our various

benevolent Associations, — to receive, disburse, and account for the monies paid to him for these objects; have charge of whatever funds belong to said Societies, subject to the rules and regulations of each Society: — and shall give bonds for the security of all funds in his hands as Treasurer, and make an annual report of the receipts, disbursements and funds of said Societies.

The Committee further recommend, that in case the foregoing be approved and adopted, a Committee of three be appointed by this Association to confer with the Trustees and Directors of the N. H. Missionary and Bible Societies as to the locating and furnishing of a suitable room; the amount of compensation to be allowed the person so appointed, and the principle on which the compensation and necessary expenses shall be defrayed.

Voted that the Standing Secretary be instructed to prepare new schedules of statistics to correspond with the changes proposed in the annual Returns of the churches.

Rev. Dr. Stone, Delegate to the Iowa General Association, Rev. Mr. Savage, Delegate to the O. S. General Assembly, and Rev. Mr. Young, Delegate to the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, severally reported their attendance upon those bodies and their kind reception. Which reports were accepted.

The report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented and accepted.

The Committee appointed to report to this Body, on "the best measures for the permanent enlargement of the Widows' Charitable Fund," submitted the following report, which was adopted:

1. That the annual donation of one dollar each by ministers be continued.

2. That collections be taken as now at the meeting of this Body, and of the State Convention.

3. That a collection be taken up by our churches at one communion season each year.

4. That Ladies' Associations to aid the Fund be formed, where practicable — a noble example of which we have had for years, in the Ladies' Association at Exeter.

5. That one or more of the travelling Agents of our State Charitable Societies and the Pastors of our churches be requested, as they may have opportunity, to explain the object of this Fund, and solicit donations and bequests to it.

The Committee to assign the place of meeting for the next year and the preacher, reported Concord First Church as the place, and Belknap Association to appoint the preacher. Rev. A. P. Tenney was nominated the preacher before Communion, and Rev. J. H. Merrill his substitute. Which report was adopted.

Rev. Messrs. Tenney, March and Humphrey were appointed a Committee to report on the subject of Slavery. Resolutions from the Hollis Association on the subject were referred to that Committee.

Rev. Messrs. R. F. Lawrence, E. D. Eldridge and R. Case were

appointed a Committee to confer with the Bible and Missionary Societies in reference to Dr. Bouton's Report.

Suspended business to attend the exercises of the Benevolent Societies.

The New Hampshire Education Society was addressed by Rev. J. Cummings and Rev. Mr. Tarbox, Secretary of the Am. Ed. Soc.

Tho Association devoted a short season to prayer with reference to the prevailing severe drought. Remarks were made by Rev. Dr. French, and Rev. Mr. Tenney led the devotions in prayer.

The anniversary Sabbath School exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. McCollom. Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary, presented the Annual Report. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Parsons of Dover, Rev. Mr. Munro, Secretary for New England, Rev. L. Taylor of Francestown, and Rev. Mr. Bullard, Secretary of the Mass. S. S. Society.

Adjourned to half past one o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to publish 600 copies of the Minutes of the Association.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State :---Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., A. W. Burnham, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, S. T. Abbott, J. Woods, Z. S. Barstow; D. D. N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell.

Rev. Messrs. C. Curtice and A. Smith were appointed a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

Rev. Messrs. L. Taylor, Robie, Case and D. Kimball were appointed a Committee of publication.

The Delegate from the O, S. General Assembly presented his report of the state of religion.

Had a recess to attend the anniversary of the N. H. Bible Society.

Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Rev. R. Case. A Sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Holloway of the Dutch Reformed Church, New York.

Association resumed business. Delegates from the Ohio General Conference, General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of Wisconsin, and the General Conference of Maine presented their reports on the state of religion.

The Moderator, under the necessity of being absent the remainder of the session, was excused. Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Sewall.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the objects of the Congregational Library Association strongly commend the Institution to our sympathy and co-operation ; and that all the Congregational Ministers in the State be re-

quested to bring the subject before their congregations, and to take such measures as they may deem appropriate to secure the membership and co-operation of the laymen in their respective churches.

Voted, That this Association recommend to the Ministers of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New Hampshire to bring the cause of the Education Society before their respective congregations once in a year, and take up collections for the same.

The following preamble and resolutions on the subject of slavery were adopted :

Whereas we have ardently hoped that these United States are to be filled with a free, intelligent, and Christian population, therefore,–

Resolved, That we have witnessed, with sorrow and alarm, the recent action of our Congress in removing the ancient landmarks of Freedom, thereby opening new Territories to the occupation of slavery.

Resolved, That in this humiliating exigency we feel impelled to bear a more open and decided testimony against the iniquitous aggressions of American slavery.

Resolved, That we earnestly desire the co-operation of those Societies which are engaged in providing an Evangelical literature for our popuiation, in exposing the true nature and practical working of this system.

Resolved, That we deplore the recent manifestations of a disposition to defend the custom of slaveholding, by the Ministers and Churches most familiar with its evils ; especially, as this appears in contrast with the opinions expressed by their ecclesiastical Associations a few years ago.

Resolved, That we recommend united prayer to Almighty God, that he will defeat every plan to extend the domain of oppression and deliver our land from the guilt of slavery.

Resolved, That this Association learn with pleasure that the Congregational Board of Publication are publishing standard theological Books and Tracts, and are furnishing Pastors' Libraries for our Western Ministers.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the course of this Board, in publishing on all the truths of the Gospel, and in applying these truths against all sin, slavery not excepted.

Resolved, That we recommend this Board of Publication to the favorable regard and contributions of our churches.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. Dr. Stone, was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association approve of the proposition to prepare a historical manual of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New Hampshire, and that the Ministers and churches encourage the proposition as far as practicable.

The following brethren were appointed Committees on the several subjects named. Rev. E. E. Adams, on the Seamen's cause. Rev. Mr. March, on Foreign Missions. Rev. E. H. Greeley, on the F. & Am. Christian Union. Rev. A. Jenkins, Jr., on the Tract Cause. Rev. Mr. Merrill, on Sabbath Schools.

The cause of the Board of Publication, the Am. and For. Christian Union, and the American Tract Society were severally presented and advocated.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the people of Derry for their kind and generous hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services; also, to those Railroad Companies that have favored its members and their wives with a reduction of fare in coming to and returning from this place.

At 10 o'clock, Association gave place for the anniversary of the N. H. Missionary Society. The Secretary of the Society presented his Report. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Bartlett of Manchester, and Rev. Mr. Noyes, one of the Secretaries of the American Home Missionary Society.

Adjourned till half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the narrative of the state of religion presented their report; which was accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes; also, in the Congregational Journal.

Rev. Mr. Brainerd, one of the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter, presented a draft of the same, which was committed to the disposal of the Committee of Publication.

Rev. Dr. Bouton and Rev. Mr. Fitz were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Voted, That the report on Foreign Missions, by Rev. J. Sewall, be published in the Congregational Journal.

Voted, That the Secretaries of Societies, so far as they relate to their subjects, be honorary members of the Association.

Voted to adjourn after the public services.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett preached the Communion Sermon, from 1 John 2:1; and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. and Rev. Mr. Fitz.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

P. B. DAY, *Moderator*.
N. BOUTON, *Moderator. pro tem.*

L. TAYLOR, *Scribe*.
E. ROBIE, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF RELIGION,

As we have walked about Zion to tell her towers and to mark her bulwarks, it is with deep and mingled feelings that we sit down to report the general condition of the churches represented in this Association. We can but lament that mainly there comes up but one voice, speaking to us in sad and solemn tones, saying, Zion "languisheth and mourneth."

Many churches during the past year have diminished rather than increased in numbers; others have no more than retained their former standing, while whole local Associations report but small gains over their losses by death and dismissions. No general and extensive revivals are reported within our bounds. Such facts bespeak but too plainly the absence of a spirit of prayer,—deep, fervent and earnest prayers to God for his blessing upon the preached word and stated means of grace. But while we mourn over the desolations of Zion and weep because so few come to our solemn feasts; yet we bless the Great Head of the church, that he has not left us entirely without a witness of his love and mercy; for though we are not permitted to record any extensive work of grace, yet upon many of our churches mercy has distilled like gentle dews, and precious souls have been gathered into the fold of Christ; so that, amid the general spiritual drought, there is here and there to be met with a pleasant and beautiful spot to please the eye and gladden the heart, where God has vouchsafed to give his saving grace—of these we would mention Hancock, South Merrimack, Portsmouth, Meredith Village, Dover, Tamworth and Sanbornton Bridge; neither has God forgotten the young in our institutions of learning. Pembroke Academy, Merrimack Normal Institute, and our College, have witnessed all His saving help and strength. God has in these instances given us the pledges of his love and of his willingness to help his people when they wait upon him. These are so many encouragements for prayer—special prayer—that God may arise in his strength and make manifest his saving power, and that Zion may arise and shine, her light being come and the glory of the Lord having arisen upon her.

In reference to the outward prosperity of our churches, we are devoutly grateful to God, that we are able to report more favorably to the general peace and harmony which prevail in the midst of the most, if not all our churches. Many of our congregations are increasing in numbers, and the word preached is listened to with attention and evident interest.

The various causes of Christian benevolence have received increased subscriptions, and have claimed and received more general interest and attention. The Pastor's welfare in many instances, (yet by far too small) has been looked after, and small salaries, affording but a very limited support, substantially increased.

Sabbath Schools are receiving more general attention, and enlisting the sympathies and prayers of the churches, as the nurseries of piety; and it is worthy of remark that most of the conversions reported have been from the Sabbath Schools.

We cannot but remark with deep solicitude the very small number of Infant Baptisms reported during the year; some of the Associations report fewer baptisms than churches. Can it be, that parents are unwilling to enter into covenant relations with a faithful and covenant-keeping God in behalf of their beloved offspring? Can it be, that they wish to cast off their responsibility upon others? If so, we may well look for desolations in Zion. We would earnestly invite the attention of all who love the cause of our Redeemer to this subject. of vital interest.

We are impressed with the absolute need of renewed and combined efforts in the cause of Temperance among all the lovers of morality and good order.

It is with devout gratitude to God that we are called upon to record but one death the past year of settled Pastors. We mourn the loss of two venerated and beloved fathers — Rev. Isaac Robinson, D. D., of Stoddard, and Rev. Ebenezer Hill, of Mason:—venerable men, who stood among us as the representatives of a generation of servants of God, that have passed away. When we remember them with their compeers, we are constrained to say, "The fathers, where are they—and the prophets, do they live forever?" Let their mantles fall on us—their successors—with a double portion of their spirit.

Delegates of Corresponding Bodies bring us their greetings of love and fellowship,—mourning with us over spiritual desolations, yet rejoicing in outward prosperity,—encouraging us to persevere in well-doing. It is peculiarly gratifying to us to welcome delegations from the newly organized bodies in the West, and we hail them as harbingers of peace.

Upon the whole, while we have much to encourage us, we have the most powerful reasons urging us to cry unto God, "Turn us again; and cause thy face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved."

In behalf of the Committee, E. G. LITTLE,

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire sends Christian Salutations to the Churches in their connection.

DEAR BRETHREN—Permit us to address you a few words on a subject of deep interest to yourselves and to the church of Christ. It is that you may "Adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

1. By the cultivation of *personal* religion. The gospel fails of its grand design if it do not reach, with its purifying and saving power, the individual heart. It is ordained of God to be the savor of life unto life, or of death unto death to every soul brought under its influence. You profess to have felt its quickening power and by the renewing of the Holy Ghost, to have passed from death unto life and to have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Evince, then, the reality of this change by walking in newness of life. Grow in grace by a diligent use of all your many means and opportunities of spiritual improvement. To this end perform all and every known duty. Search the Scriptures daily; store your memories with their sacred teachings; and let the word of eternal life dwell in your hearts richly by faith; and your souls be imbued with the truths and the spirit of that blessed book of books. Let the secret place of prayer witness the fervor and frequency of your supplications. Examine your own selves and prove your own selves, not by comparing yourselves with others, but by the light of revealed truth and by the Holy Spirit. Rest not satisfied with some past experience of the love of God shed abroad in the heart; but obtain a living and abiding evidence of your vital union with Christ. Then will your religion not bring doubt and gloom over your own soul, but will be to it a fount of perennial joy, and you, as living epistles, known and read of all men, will so let your light shine before men as to manifest to the world the power and the excellency of true piety.

2. By careful attention to family religion. God has established the family. He has designed it to be for us an oasis in the desert — the calm and happy retreat from the noise and strife of life and the home of the heart's purest and noblest pleasure and joys. But the ruinous effects of the fall are felt upon all the relations and institutions of man. Sin has poisoned this fountain of our present happiness, and its only antidote is true religion.

"Hence from out the selfsame fount,
One nectar drinks, another draughts of gall,"

according as this antidote is or is not employed.

If you then would have your tabernacle abide in peace, let the sacred fire burn steadily and clearly on the domestic altar, fed by the morning and the evening oblation. If you would have your children remember their Creator with love and holy reverence ; would have them walk in wisdom's ways and prove blessings to themselves, to their friends, to the world and to the church, teach them diligently the great truths of God's holy word. Teach them to pray, to keep the Sabbath holy in all its hours, to prize highly the services of the sanctuary, and to esteem and honor the ministry of reconciliation. Let your precept and example go hand in hand, animated and exalted by the spirit of genuine piety. Then will your house be like the house of Obededom where the ark of God abode, and where the blessing of God rested ; then will your family be a family that calls upon the name of the Lord and your household belong to the household of faith.

The evils springing out of the neglect of family religion need not be portrayed. They are seen and felt every where. It is to be feared that the present alarming prevalence of irreligion is, in no small degree, to be ascribed to this cause. From what multitudes of families is religion entirely excluded : and in what numbers of other families professedly regardful of it, is religion shut from its appropriate sphere, so that it exerts but little influence for good upon the children.

So let it not be with you ; but let religion occupy its true place in your hearts and in your families.

Then will your children rise up and call you blessed, and sacredly cherish your memories. Then will your dwelling be like an earthly paradise, fragrant with the flowers and fruits of piety and the abode of peace ; and your family belong to the family of the first-born whose names are written in heaven.

8. By the faithful discharge of your duties as citizens. American citizenship is a birthright Its rights and privileges we value as our blood-bought and most precious heritage. No man or set of men may rob us of it. Nor may we blamelessly neglect the discharge of its high and responsible duties

The character of our laws and the manner of their enforcement depend much upon the spirit and principles of the men who make and interpret and execute our laws. The stream will not rise higher than the fountain head ; nor will the morality of our government be better than the morals of those who administer it. Office clothes a man with power and influence for evil as well as good. When vicious men rule us, have we any good reason to expect that they will prove the ministers of God for good to us ? Is it not more reasonable to expect that vice will openly prevail unrebuked and unpunished ? Does not the history of our world confirm the declaration of God's word that " When the wicked beareth rule the people mourn ; and when the vilest men are exalted the wicked walk on every side ?" It is to be feared that the Christian is merged in the partizan and politician, and that, by the suffrages of good men, bad men are knowingly raised to the high places of power.

Let it not be said that we recommend the carrying of religion into politics.— But we do recommend the carrying out of moral principle and the making a conscience of the discharge of our high duties as American citizens. We would have you, as Christians in exercising your right of suffrage, be guided by heavenly wisdom ; and provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God—men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over you to be rulers. We would have you " make Judges and officers throughout all your gates which the Lord your God giveth you in all your towns and countries, and state and land, who shall rule the people righteously and judge them with just judgment." " For when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." But if Christians will not conscientiously act in the fear of God in the performance of their civil and political duties, who will ? If they who profess to be guided by principles of righteousness in all their duties toward God and man, will lend their influence to elect corrupt men to office and to sustain them in carrying out wicked measures, hath not " the salt lost its savor ?" If the Church be not purer than the State, what is there to save us from civil and political corruption and crime and ruin ? What consistency is there between our prayers that good men may be placed in authority over us, and that God will rule in the hearts of our rulers, and our conduct in reference to a favorable answer ?

As members of society let it be apparent that your influence and efforts go to discourage iniquity under every disguise and form ; and to encourage "whatsoever things are pure, and lovely, and just, and true and of good report." It is a contradiction in terms to speak of the licentious and profane, the lying, dishonest and intemperate Christian. There may be some such who bear the Christian name ; but who are enemies of the cross of Christ ; who disgrace their profession and wound the Savior in the house of his friends.

But are there not many in the churches, who. though not guilty of flagrant immoralities, yet exert no decided influence against them ?—who put forth no earnest endeavors for their suppression ? They will do nothing themselves against prevalent sins in the community, and often oppose and thwart the efforts of others to do them away. Instead of being burning and shining lights, and letting their light so shine before men as to illumine their darkness, they are stumbling blocks in the pathway of those mere moralists, whose morality is purer and more active and exhibits a truer and more genuine love to man than does their professed piety. Is there not mournful proof that many of our churches contain such members, whose wealth or talents give them influence ; but whose influence in respect of *practical* religion is painfully adverse ? or falls below that of the mere moralist ? But, brethren, in so doing you furnish occasion to the enemy to speak reproachfully of our holy religion ; and instead of adorning the doctrine of God our Savior, you dishonor it.

Lastly. By consistent and devoted lives, as members of the church of Christ.

Under various figures the church is shadowed forth—It is the BODY of Christ; and we are members of it in particular. As in the living body no member is useless, but has its own appropriate offices to perform, so is it with each member in the body of Christ. Let not the drunkard's drink poison or palsy any members of this body. Let not sin reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin ; but yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead."

The church is the SCHOOL of Christ. In it the ransomed spirit is trained up for glory, and honor, and immortality. And where should the disciples of Christ be found and *love* to be found, but in the school of the Great Teacher, sitting at his feet as humble learners and receiving his sacred instruction ?

The church is God's vineyard. Christians are laborers in it together with God ; and none are brought into the vineyard to fold their hands and sit down in idleness. There is much to be done in the church and out of it to maintain its order and purity, and to increase it in graces and numbers. In cultivating the waste places of Zion every man should labor over against his own house. In the field, which is the world, every one who has a heart to work for Christ may find full employment and scope for all personal endeavors to save souls suited to his strength and capacities.

In the liberal support of the gospel ministry the members of the church should be foremost. "They which wait at the altar should be partakers of the altar ; Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." For this object it is your duty to contribute as God hath prospered you ; and not to think it a great matter that those who have sowed to you in spiritual things should reap your carnal things.

In the maintenance of public worship and ordinances of religion, your example should be worthy of all imitation. Your attendance on the house of God should be constant and punctual. Not only multitudes of those who are not professors of religion neglect the house of God ; but many of the professed followers of Christ satisfy themselves with very slight excuses for absenting themselves from the place where God has recorded his name. But if it is the minister's duty to be present in the sanctuary and labor there for the edification of the church, is it not the duty of the members of the church, unless there be some reason for absence which God will accept as sufficient, to be there also ?

Upon the members of the church of God rests the fulfilment of the Savior's great command :—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The centuries which have passed away since Christ uttered these

words, prove that the gospel will not promulgate itself, nor be promulgated without human agency. In order that it may accomplish its heavenly mission, men must give of their property and must give themselves to the great and good work of publishing it throughout the earth. For how shall dying men "believe on him of whom they have never heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" For what enterprize, if not for this, should you give not grudgingly and sparingly, but freely and liberally? For the success of what other enterprize, if not for this, should your most fervent prayers be offered up? Do your prayers and your alms deeds come up as a memorial before God that His Son may have "the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession?" Do you hear with a heart of sympathy the recital of heathen woes and look with an eye of pity upon their degradation, while you steel your heart and close your eyes against the wrongs and oppression of millions of miserable bondmen in our own land? If no way of consistent political action opens before you, is the way to the mercy-seat in behalf of these oppressed closed against you? If not, do you remember those that are in bonds as bound with them? Is it the burden of your prayer that God will have mercy upon them and work out for them and for our country gracious deliverances instead of pouring upon us the vials of His wrath? How dwells the Spirit of Christ and the love of God in that soul which feels no compassion for the millions of our own suffering bondmen, and which urges no petition at the court of Heaven for the deliverance of these captives.

So live, beloved Christian friends, in the performance of the solemn duties to your own souls, and to your families and to the State and to the church of God as to adorn the doctrine of God your Savior, that when life shall close, its work may be finished and you may receive from the lips of your Judge the plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

For the Committee,

T. G. BRAINERD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

In account with A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer.

DR.	To paid Rev. D. Kimball's bill for printing and distributing the Minutes, and for postage on the same,				$32,50
	To Rev. J. K. Young's bill,				,75
					33,25
CR.	Received of Hopkinton Asso.	7,00	Monadnock,	7,50	
	Derry	3,50	Hollis	5,00	
	Union	4,00	Orange	2,00	
	Sullivan	5,50	Caledonja	1,00	
	Deerfield	1,50	Belknap	3,50	
	Piscataqua	8,00			48,50
	Balance in Treasury when last audited,				20,50
			Receipts,	-	69,00
			Expenditures,	-	33,25
			Balance,	-	35,75

I hereby certify that I have examined and cast the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Gen. Asso. N. H. and find it correct. N. BOUTON, AUDITOR.

AUG. 22, 1854.

Statistics of the Churches.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Alton,	Vacant. Last Report.		3	8	11										
Barnstead,	Enos George.	Sept. 26, 1804.	95	139	234										
Bridgewater,	Vacant.														
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson.	Dec. 23, 1840.	15	29	44	2		2			1	1			
Campton,	Charles Shedd.	March 24, 1842.	27	53	80	7		7	2			2	2	6	8
Gilmanton Centre.	R. M. Sargent.	April 27, 1852.	52	83	135	5		5	14		1	15	3	3	6
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.	Last Report.	14	24	38										
Gilmanton Iron Works	Rufus Childs.	Nov. 6, 1844.	42	75	117	3		3					1		1
Groton,	Liba Conant.	Stated Supply.	13	17	30				2			2	1		1
Hebron,			6	21	27										
Loudon 1st church,	Ordway.	Stated Supply.	26	58	84	5	1	6			1	1	1		1
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young.	Nov. 30, 1831.	50	133	183	2	10	12	1	1		2		11	11
Meredith Village,	Vacant.		24	57	81	6		6		1	2	3	3	2	5
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett.	June 25, 1845.	42	116	158	1	2	3	4		5	9	1		1
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell.	June 4, 1852.	54	91	145		1	1	2		1	3		1	1
Thornton,	Vacant.	Last Report.	9	13	22										
16 Churches.	10 Ministers.				1389			45				38			53

Without Charge—Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton.

CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died. Tot	Adt.	Inf.	Total.
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter.	Dec. 26, 1842.	33	96	129		6	6					3	3
Bethlehem,	D. McClenning.*	April 29, 1852.*	12	23	35		3	3	2		2			
Franconia,			4	10	14		2	2						
3 Churches.	2 Ministers.	* dismissed Aug. 25, 1854.			178			11			2			3

Without Charge—Rev. David Sutherland, Bath.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated Supply.	40	71	111	2	0	2	2	3	5	2	2	4
Deerfield,	E. F. Abbott,	Stated Supply.	38	61	99		3	3	1	4	5			
Epsom,	Vacant.		33	65	98	6	1	7		2	2	1		1
Loudon 2d church.	Charles Willey.	Stated Supply.	12	32	44				1	3	4			
Northwood,	Otis Holmes.	Jan. 1, 1850.	30	51	81				2	5	7		1	1
Nottingham,	Vacant.			2	4									
Pittsfield,	Vacant.				161									
7 Churches.	4 Ministers.				598			12			23			6

Without Charge—Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield ; Josiah Prentice, Northwood.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Pelham,	Vacant.				86										
Windham,	Loren Thayer.	Nov. 5, 1844.	49	89	138		2	2	6	2	7	15		4	4
Derry, Cong.	E. G. Parsons.	Oct. 1, 1851.	35	102	137	2	7	9	6		1	7	1		1
Derry, Pres.	Joshua W. Wellman.	June 18, 1851.	86	168	254	4	3	7	1		4	5	1	5	6
Chester,	Lauren Armsby.	May 27, 1846.	71	123	194	6	9	15			5	5	1	3	4
Auburn,	James Holmes.	Dec. 5. 1849.	16	31	47	1	2	3	2		2	4	1		1
Candia,	William T. Herrick.	July 5, 1854.	96	162	258		2	2	6		5	11			
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley.	Oct. 12, 1836.	25	60	85	2		2	1		3	4	1	2	3
Salem,	William Page.	Dec. 1, 1853.	14	44	58	6	4	10	5		3	8	5	7	12
Atkinson,	Jesse Page.	Stated Supply.	30	60	90										
Plaistow,	Tenney.	Stated Supply.	22	51	73	5	4	9	2		2	4	4	8	12
11 Churches.	10 Ministers.				1420			59				63			43

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let,	Tot.	Dis.	Ex. Died	Tot.	Adt.	Inft.	Total.
Conway,*	Vacant,		24	50	74					1	1			
Effingham, 1st Cong.	Baptist ¼ of the time.		7	18	25					1	1			
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge. / W. Willey.	Feb. 27, 1828. / Stated Supply.	29	44	73					3	3			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood.	Stated Supply.	29	42	71	8		3	2	2	4	2	1	3
Sandwich Corner,*	Vacant.		19	36	55									
Sandwich North,*	Vacant.		7	12	19									
Tamworth,	J. H. Merrill.	Aug. 17, 1853.	62	104	166	1	6	7	5	7	12			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker.	S. S. since 1835.	11	27	38				2	1	3			
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour.	June 15, 1852.	22	42	64	3	1	4	1	1	2	3	1	4
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill.	Stated Supply.	20	38	58	2		2	1		1	1		1
Tuftonborough,			7	16	23					1	1			
Farmington,	Daniel D. Tappan.	S. S. from Oct. 1852.	11	15	26		2	2					1	1
Milton,	James Dold;.	Stated Supply.	23	52	75		2	2	1		1			
12 Churches.	8 Ministers.	* Former Report.			767			20			29			9

Without Charge—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adlts.	Inft.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	89	209	298	0	2	2	3		7	10		3	3
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	24	51	75		1	1						3	3
Hollis,	P. B. Day.	July 7, 1852.	65	119	184	7	1	8	4		1	5	2	5	7
Mason,	J. L. Armes.	Oct. 31, 1850.	49	57	106	3	5	8			2	2	1	1	2
Mason Village,	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	41	81	122	2		2	6		2	8	1	3	4
Merrimack South,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated Supply.	12	38	45	4		4	1		1	2	1		1
Milford,	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			307	3	5	8	3		2	5	1	2	3
Nashua 1st,	Daniel March,	Jan. 3. 1849.	81	353	434	7	5	12	14		4	18	6	3	9
Nashua, Olive St.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	145	292	437	2	5	7	4		2	6	2	1	3
Nashua, Pearl St.	Ezra E. Adams.	Aug. 31, 1853.	56	144	200	6	15	21	10		2	12	3	8	11
New Ipswich, 1st,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	86	175	261	1	3	4	1		4	5	8	1	2
New Ipswich, 2d,	Josiah Ballard,	Former report.			60										
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	91	164	255	3	2	5		1	3	4	1	7	8
Mont Vernon,	Charles D. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	51	117	168	1	2	3			2	2	1	2	3
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1845.	31	63	94	7	1	8			3	3	4	1	5
Wilton,	Vacant.		29	55	84	5	2	7			1	1			1
16 Churches.	15 Ministers.				3130			100				85			65

Without Charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Leonard Jewett, J. E. B. Jewett, J. W. Shepard, William Clark, John M. Ellis, Noah Emerson.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	8	13	21			1			1	1			
Boscawen East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 15, 1854.	60	87	147	3	2	5	3		4	7		8	8
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	62	100	162					1	2	3		7	7
Bristol,	Joseph Garland,	Stated Supply.	25	46	71			5				2		2	2
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	46	84	130	4	2	6	1		2	3	1	1	2
Concord, East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	36	60	96	4	2	6	1	1	2	4		3	3
First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825.	70	190	260	4	6	10	3		3	6	2	3	6
South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	85	164	249	9	9	18	5		2	7	3		3
West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	62	122	184				2		2	4		1	1
Fisherville,	Daniel Lancaster,	Stated Supply.			*73										
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	24	77	101									1	1
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	52	120	172	2	1	3	4	1	2	7	1	3	4
Hill,	Vacant,		*13	29	42										
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	1853.			180	5		5	1		2	3	3	6	9
Northfield & San. Bridge,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	37	81	118	1	8	9	1		2	3	1	2	3
Pembroke,	Robert Crossett,	Former report.			*128										
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849.	25	62	87	5		5	2			2	2	6	8
Warner,	H. O, Howland,	Jan. 4, 1854.	35	90	125	5	5	10	4		2	6	4	2	6
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated Supply.	16	22	38		2	2	1			1			
19 Churches.	18 Ministers.	* Former Report.			2384			85				59			65

Without Charge—Ebenezer Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, D. D., Henry Wood.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot	Adt.	Inf.	Total.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated Supply.	16	35	51				1		1	2			
Dalton,*	—— Blake,	Stated Supply.	9	20	29										
Lancaster,	Isaac Wiston,	Stated Supply.	10	50	60	1		1	4			4			
Stewartstown,	Vacant.		14	19	33	2		2					1		1
4 Churches.	3 Ministers.	* Former Report.			173			3				6			1

Without Charge—Josiah Morse, Northumberland.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford, Pres.	Thomas Savage.	1826.	49	105	154		2	2	4		3	7		3	3
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	30	80	110	1		1	3		6	9			
Goffstown,	E. H. Richardson,	1854.	35	75	110										
Hooksett,	William A. Fobes,	Stated Supply.	9	27	36				1		1	2			
Hudson,	Daniel French,	Stated Supply.	20	50	70										
Litchfield, Pres.	Ebenezer Newhall,	Sept. 1854.	5	12	17						1	1			
Londonderry, Pres.	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.	68	125	193	3		3			2	2	2	3	5
Manchester, 1st,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	78	170	248										
2d,	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 8, 1852.	60	177	237	21	8	29	8		4	12	13	1	14
City Miss'n.	Thomas P. Sawin,	March 26, 1853.	5	30	35	7	1	8	4	2	1	7	4	1	5
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept. 4, 1850.	58	102	160	3		3	3	2	2	7	3	3	6
11 Churches.	11 Ministers.				1370			46				47			33

Without Charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agt. Amer. Bible Soc., H. Brickett, Licentiate, Prin. Mer. Nor. Institute.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead, 1st,	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated Supply.	20	54	74				2		1	3			
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	48	74	122	3		3			3	3	1	3	4
Alstead, Paper M. Vill.	Benjamin Ober,	Stated Supply.	6	27	33										
Chesterfield,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Stated Supply.	14	39	53				1		4	5			
Dublin,	George S. Kemp,	Stated Supply.	12	24	36				8		3	11			
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	Stated Supply.	56	101	157	1	1	2	2		5	7		3	3
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	16	28	44				1			1			
Hinsdale,	William W. Patten,	Stated Supply.	34	49	83	3	5	8	4		2	6	2	1	3
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth,	Dec. 10, 1782.													
	Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845.	37	108	145	8	3	11	3		3	6	3	1	4
Jaffrey, East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated Supply.	19	33	52		4	4	10			10			
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	67	208	275	4	3	7	2		5	7		4	4
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated Supply.	32	68	100	2		2			3	3	1	2	3
Nelson,	William P. Gale,	Stated Supply.	41	54	95				4			4			
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	22	42	64		1	1		1	1	2		1	1
Roxbury,	Vacant,		9	20	29	1		1					1	4	5
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinron, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1803.	9	33	42	1	1	2	1		1	2	1		1
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	39	71	110	24	2	26	1		2	3	12	6	18
Surry,	Vacant.		2	12	14										
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, 1836.	24	37	61	1	2	3					1	1	2
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	20	47	67	1		1			2	2	1	2	3
Walpole,		Supply.	23	75	98										
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated Supply.	42	113	155										
Westmoreland, South,	R. W. Fuller,	Stated Supply.	6	19	25	3		3			1	1	1	2	3
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 23, 1847.	64	126	190	4	2	6	7		4	11	1	3	4
24 Churches.	22 Ministers.				2124			80				87			58

Without Charge—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson; Rev. Edwin Jennison, East Alstead.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died	Tot.	Adt.	Inft.	Total.
Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1853.	34	85	119		1	1	5		3	8		4	4
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated Supply.	12	21	33	1	7	8					1		1
Haverhill,	Edward H. Greely,	Nov. 9, 1849.	41	115	156				12		1	13		2	2
Haverhill, North,	Vacant.		5	11	16										
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	Nov. 1850.			80	1	1	2	2	1	1	4	1		1
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	133	225	358	2		2	2		7	9	2		1
Orford, East,	Jotham Sewall,	Feb. 16, 1853.	45	39	84	1		1			2	2			
Orford, West,	Vacant.		21	70	91				3			3		1	1
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	Stated Supply.	33	69	102	1		1			2	2			
Wentworth,	Increase S. Davis,	Jan. 20, 1832.	8	28	36				1		2	3	1		1
10 Churches.	7 Ministers.				1075			15				44			11

Without Charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died. Tot	Adt.	Inft.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	14	32	46									
Brentwood,	Charles Dame,	May 17, 1854.	20	42	62					2	2		1	1
Dover,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1853.	85	284	369	4	5	9	6	8	14	2	4	6
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1838.	9	49	58				1		1			
Epping,	Lyman White,	Jan. 4, 1854.	19	31	50					1	1			
Exeter, 1st,	William D. Hitchcock,	Oct. 5, 1853.	47	75	122				2	3	5			
Exeter, 2d,	Isaac Hurd, D. D.,	Sept. 11, 1817.	16	67	83	3		3	1		1			
	Asa Mann,	Nov. 19, 1851.												
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	14	37	51	7	3	10	2	1	3	1		1
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 6, 1849.	68	140	208									
Kingston,	Vacant.		17	44	61	1	1	2		1	1			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated Supply.	8	24	32	5	2	7		1	1	1		1
Newington,	Vacant.													
New Market,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated Supply.	13	25	38	5		5	2		2	2	1	3
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D.,	Nov. 18, 1801.	78	106	179	1		1		1	1		3	3
	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852.												
Portsmouth,	Henry D. Moore,	Aug. 17, 1854.	76	247	323	31	13	44						
Raymond,	David Burt,	Nov. 4, 1851.	53	85	138	2	4	6	3	1	4	2	2	4
Rochester,	James C. Seagrave,	May 25, 1854.	16	75	91		3	3	4	1	5			
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	69	100					4	4		1	1
Seabrook & Ham. Falls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	21	47	68					2	2		1	1
Salmon Falls, Rollinsford	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	25	66	91	4		4	8	1	9	4		4
Great Falls,	I. B. Thornton,	Stated Supply.			170	11	9	20	3		3			
South New Market,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated Supply.	10	17	27								1	1
Stratham,	J. M. Steele,	Nov. 30, 1853.			48	1	2	3	1	2	3		1	1
23 Churches.	23 Ministers.				2415			117			62			27

Without Charge—Rev. Jonathan Ward.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches,	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died. Tot.	Adlts.	Inft.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	86	117	203	2		2	7	2	9	2	10	12
Charlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.	13	43	56	4	7	11		2	2	1	1	2
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	67	150	217	2	7	9	5	3	8	1	10	11
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	30	47	77				2		2			
Croydon,			*24	42	66									
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	96	153	249	24	5	29	7	2	9	12	1	13
Enfield,	Daniel Pulsifer,	Stated Supply.	8	9	17									
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated Supply.	20	32	52		1	1		2	2			
Langdon,	Selah R. Arms,	Stated Supply.	*15	27	42									
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	45	99	144	11	2	13	1	2	3	5		5
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated Supply.	30	55	85	20	1	21		3	3	8	1	9
Lempster 2d,			*12	15	27									
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	39	65	104	3	5	8			5	2	2	4
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1852.	98	165	263	8	1	9	6	4	10	2	3	5
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated Supply.	6	27	33		1	1	1		1			
Unity,			*3	6	9									
Washington,	John F. Griswald,	Stated Supply.	8	32	40	2		2			3		1	1
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	38	63	2	6	8	4	2	6		2	2
18 Churches.	15 Ministers.	* Former Report.			1747			114			63			64

Without Charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden; C. B. Haddock, D. D. Licentiate, C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim, Pres.	J. H. Bates,	March 1853.	53	120	178	2	4	6	4	1	2	7	1	3	4
Bennington,	John M. Whiton.	Stated Supply.			50		2	2	2			2			
Deering,	James W. Perkins,	Stated Supply.	12	23	35						2	2		1	1
Francestown,	Lathrop Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	97	209	306	6		6	6	4	9	19	2	3	5
Greenfield, Evan.	Jonathan McGee,	Stated Supply.	43	91	134	1		1	1			1		4	4
Greenfield, Cong.	John LeBosquet,	Stated Supply.	33	72	105	1		1	2			2		1	1
Hancock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	71	133	204	24		24	5		6	11	5	1	6
Hillsborough Centre,	Samuel H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853.	28	42	70						2	2			
Hillsborough Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	18	39	57	7		7	1	1	2	4	2	5	7
Lyndeborough,	E. B. Claggett.	Sept. 30, 1846.			125	3	1	4							
New Boston,	Vacant.				*165										
New Ipswich, 2d,	Josiah Ballard,	July 14, 1852.	23	48	71	1	2	3	1		3	4		1	1
Peterborough, Pres.	Vacant,		21	35	56		1	1	4		2	6			
Peterborough, Cong.	Vacant.		11	27	38								1	1	2
14 Churches.	11 Ministers				1599			55				60			31

* Former Report.

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communic's.	Addded.	Removed.	Baptisms.
Belknap,	16	10	1389	45	38	53
Caledonia,	3	2	178	11	2	3
Deerfield,	7	4	598	12	23	6
Derry,	11	10	1420	59	63	43
Harmony,	12	8	767	20	29	9
Hollis,	15	14	3070	100	83	65
Hopkinton,	19	18	2384	85	59	63
Lancaster,	4	3	173	3	6	1
Manchester,	11	11	1370	43	45	33
Monadnock,	24	22	2124	80	87	58
Orange,	10	7	1075	15	44	11
Piscataqua,	23	23	2415	117	62	27
Sullivan,	18	15	1747	114	63	64
Union,	14	11	1599	55	60	31
	187	158	20,309	759	664	467

New Ipswich 2d church is deducted from Hollis Association and inserted in Union.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

AS FORMERLY REPORTED.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes,
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin,
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny,
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	Edwin S. Wright.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Belk.& Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May.	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. March,	April, May	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

* Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † Also, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.

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MINUTES.

The GENERAL ASSOCIATION of New Hampshire met at the Meeting House of the First Church in Concord, on Tuesday, August 28, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Concio by Rev. Charles Shedd, of Campton, from 1 Sam. 17 : 33. After Sermon the preacher took the chair; credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following members were found to constitute the General Association

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap.	L. CONANT, E. CORSER, WM. R. JEWETT.
Deerfield,	S. M. BLANCHARD, O. HOLMES.
Derry,	JAMES HOLMES, LOREN ARMSBY.
Harmony,	STEPHEN MERRILL, H. WOOD.
Hollis,	E. N. HIDDEN, E. M. KELLOG, D. GOODWIN.
Hopkinton,	J. M. R. EATON, H. O. HOWLAND, N. HOWARD, H. A. KENDALL.
Lancaster,	J. B. HILL.
Manchester,	THOMAS SAVAGE, T. P. SAWIN.
Monadnock,	L. TOWNSEND, W. G. TUTTLE, T. S. NORTON.
Orange,	W. H. SMITH.
Piscataqua,	ASA MANN, JOHN DINSMOOR, CHA'S DAME, B. F. PARSONS, J. H. MELLISH.
Sullivan,	ROBERT PAGE, E. S. WRIGHT, A. SPAULDING, D. J. NOYES, D. D.
Union,	E. B. CLAGGETT, J. M. WHITON, D. D.
Ex Officio,	J. K. YOUNG, Secretary. A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer. N. BOUTON, D. D., Concord.

Gen. Convention Vt., EBENEZER SMITH, MOSES KIMBALL.
Gen. Association Mass., ROBERT CARVER.
Gen. Association Conn., S. H. ALLEN.
Gen. Assembly Pres. Ch., O. S., NICHOLAS MURRAY, D. D.
Gen. Assembly Pres. Ch., N. S., GEORGE F. WISWELL.
Gen. Consociation R. I., JOEL MANN.
N. H. Baptist Convention, E. E. CUMMINGS, D. D.
N. H. Methodist Conference, ELISHA ADAMS.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. THOMAS SAVAGE, Moderator; Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. Bouton, Noyes and Hidden were appointed a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Holmes and Kimball were appointed a Committee to take minutes of the Narrative of the state of Religion.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Whiton, the Narratives of the state of Religion within the bounds of the District Associations were presented.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel Fisk of Massachusetts, and remarks were made by Rev. William Clarke.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Young.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. A. Blanchard, Delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts, and Rev. Jacob Cummings, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. U. S., reported their attendance on those bodies and their kind reception. The reports were accepted.

Letters were received from Rev. E. Adams, Delegate from the General Association of Iowa, and Rev. S. P. Fay, from the Ohio Conference, both of whom were prevented from attendance through providential circumstances.

A request from the American Congregational Union was presented by Rev. S. C. Bartlett. The following motion was then made by Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D.: Resolved, That we approve the plans and objects of the American Congregational Union, and heartily commend them to the sympathy and contributions of the churches of New Hampshire.

Rev. Messrs. Tenney, Wright and Holmes were appointed a Committee to fix on a place of meeting the coming year.

Rev. Messrs. E. M. Kellogg, A. Spaulding and A. Tobey a Committee for distributing documents.

Rev. J. H. Merrill was nominated preacher at the Communion for the next year and Rev. Henry E. Parker his substitute.

The following resolution adopted by the Rockingham Conference of Churches, June 13, 1855, was presented:

Resolved, That this Conference would rejoice to have just such a change made in the Constitution of the General Association of New Hampshire, as to secure in it a Lay representation, whereby the fraternity of the churches in the State would be better represented and promoted.

The consideration of this resolution was indefinitely postponed

Suspended business to hear the reports of the Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

The N. H. Education Society was addressed by the Secretary J. Richards, D. D. and by Rev. Mr. Tarbox, Secretary of the American Education Society.

The anniversary Sabbath School exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Fifield. Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary, presented the annual report. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Apthorp, from the Mass. S. S. Society, Rev. D. D. Tappan, of Farmington, and Rev. Mr. Wallace of Manchester.

Adjourned to half past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Savage, through illness, was compelled to resign the office of Moderator, and Rev. J. M. Whiton, D. D., was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Rev. Dr. Bouton was appointed Auditor of the Treasurer's report the ensuing year.

The Committee appointed to fix the place of meeting for next year, reported Exeter as the place, and that the Caledonia Association appoint the preacher. The report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. A. Smith one of the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter, presented a draft of the same, which was committed to the publishing Committee with power to abbreviate, if they judge best.

Had a recess to attend the anniversary of the N. H. Bible Society. The Secretary of the Society presented his Report, which was accepted and referred to the Board of Directors. Addresses were made by Rev. S. C. Bartlett, of Manchester, Rev. Mr. Butler, agent of the American Bible Society in Massachusetts, and Rev. Dr. Murray, delegate from the Am. Bible Society. The Society adjourned.

The Association resumed business. Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D. in view of the report sent by the Delegate from the General Association of Iowa, presented resolutions, which were committed to a Committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. Messrs. J. K. Young and E. S. Wright.

The following resolution was passed, *Resolved*, That we have special occasion for gratitude and praise to God on account of the healthy, fruitful and pleasant state of the present season.

The Delegates from the New School General Assembly, the General Association of Connecticut and the General Association of Massachusetts presented their reports on the state of religion within their bounds.

The report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented and adopted.

The following were appointed Delegates to Foreign Bodies:

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Horace Wood, Primary, and Rev. Amos Blanchard, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Erdix Tenny, Primary, and Rev. E. S. Wright, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Otis Holmes, Primary, Rev. Asa Mann. Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. I. T. Otis, Primary, Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. L. Armsby, Primary, Rev. M. B. Angier, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. A. P. Tenney, Primary, Rev. E. N. Hidden, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. Thomas Boutelle, Primary, Rev. P. B. Day, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. Charles A. Downs, Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. E. E. Adams, Primary, Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. R. M. Sargent, Primary, Rev. Jairus Ordway, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., Rev. W. R. Jewett, Primary, Rev. John M. Whiton, D. D. Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., Rev. J. W. Wellman, Primary, Rev. Loren Thayer, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Primary, Rev. J. Page, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, Rev. J. B. Hill, Primary, Rev. Charles Shedd, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. W. Fifield, Primary, Rev. R. Kimball, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Primary, Rev. A. Smith, Substitute.

To the Congregational Conference of Ohio, Rev. S. C. Bartlett, Primary, Rev. Charles Tenney, Substitute.

After prayer by Rev. E. N. Hidden, adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30, 1855.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Robert Page. Rev. Dr. Whiton resigned the office of Moderator, in consequence of ill health; and Rev. Otis Holmes was chosen Moderator pro tem.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

Rev. Dr. Stone, from the Committee appointed on the commu-

nication from the Congregational Association of Iowa, presented the following resolutions, which, after discussion, were adopted:

Whereas our attention has been called to the plan of church extension adopted by the New School Presbyterian General Assembly at St. Louis, therefore, Resolved,

1. That we cherish the utmost confidence in the fraternal and christian feelings of the great body of the New School Presbyterians towards their Congregational brethren in New England—

2. That we look with much satisfaction upon the long harmony that has existed between Congregationalists and Presbyterians in the work of evangelizing the West under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society, and that the continued co-operation of these two great bodies of Christ's church in the same work, is much to be desired—

3. That the catholic and undenominational Constitution and operations of the American Home Missionary Society meet with our most cordial approval; – that we regard that Society as fully competent to prosecute the work of missionary exploration — of preaching the gospel and of gathering christian churches throughout all the destitute population of the West—

4. That the recent act of the New School General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which provides for the employment of exploring and itinerating Presbyterian Missionaries and the planting of Presbyterian churches "in advance of all others in towns and villages," is, we fear, inconsistent with the harmonious co-operation with Congregationalists in the Home Missionary work, and that we regard it as having a tendency, if carried into effect, to interrupt the union that has hitherto existed between them in that work—

5. That before the aforesaid plan of church extension is put in operation, we earnestly recommend that some suitable measures be officially taken, by wise and good men of both parties, to come to some mutual and amicable understanding of the whole subject.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State. Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., A. W. Burnham, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, J. Woods, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey.

Rev. Messrs. Wm. R. Jewett, E. S. Wright, C. A. Downs, and D. Kimball were appointed a Committee of Publication.

The following brethren were appointed Committees on the several subjects named—Rev. E. E. Adams on the Seamen's cause. Rev. E. H. Greeley on the Foreign and Christian Union. Rev. J. H. Merrill on Sabbath Schools. Rev. J. Sewall on Foreign Missions. Rev. Wm. T. Herrick on the Tract Cause.

Rev. Dr. Whiton presented the following resolution, which was discussed and adopted.

Resolved, That duty to God and our fellow men, impels us to the utterance of our deep conviction that it is incumbent on christians and good citizens, to resist, by all lawful means, the spirit of slavery propagandism in its recent developments, which corrupts the public conscience, disregards solemn compacts, exalts in theory popular sovereignty above the law of Heaven, and in practice strikes it to the dust by the intervention of armed mobs; impairs our moral influence over the nations, and threatens encroachments upon the liberties of the free States.

Voted, to publish 600 copies of the Minutes of the Association.

Voted, That a tax of 50 cents be assessed on each member of the District Associations, to defray the expenses of the year ensuing.

Suspended business to allow the Bible Society time to complete their business.

Association resumed business. Rev. Dr. Vail presented a report from the New Hampshire Methodist Conference in the place of Rev. Mr. Adams called away.

Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., presented a report from the New Hampshire Baptist Convention.

Rev. Mr. Whitcher presented a report from the N. H. Free-will Baptist Yearly Meeting, in the absence of their Delegate.

The Committee on the Narrative of the state of religion, presented their report; which was accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

At 10 o'clock, the Association gave place for the anniversary of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

The Secretary of the Society presented his Report. Addresses were made by Rev. C. W. Wallace and Rev. Dr. Murray.

Association resumed business. Rev. Mr. Young and Rev. Mr. Mann of Rhode Island, were appointed to officiate at the communion.

Voted, That the cordial thanks of the Association be presented to the people of Concord for their affectionate hospitality;—and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, to adjourn after the public exercises.

Rev. A. P. Tenney preached the communion Sermon, from Luke 24: 34; and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. Messrs. J. K. Young and Joel Mann.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

OTIS HOLMES, MODERATOR, PRO TEM.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, SCRIBE.

NARRATIVE.

Once more our kind Heavenly Father, in his providence, has permitted us to look upon a portion of his earthly heritage. We have rejoiced, and we have wept. We have taken impressions of the more prominent features of the field, and our purpose now is to exhibit them.

We bless God that we are able to speak of revivals of religion. These have occurred in Atkinson, Chester, Colebrook and vicinity, Orford, Meriden, and West Concord. The number of hopeful conversions in these revivals, is thought to be not far from 225. There is one thing of peculiar interest in connexion with these special visits of divine grace, of which we cannot forbear to speak. Four of our Academies, to a greater or less extent, have been sharers in the blessing. In Meriden Academy, more than a hundred of the beloved youth were constrained to propound the great inquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" At the close of the Spring term, nearly all the students were subjects of serious impressions, and fifty or more were cherishing the christian's hope. It is thought that many of those converted to Christ in these Academies will obey the command, "Preach the gospel."

Besides these more general revivals, we would gratefully record others of less extent, as having been experienced at Sanbornton Bridge, Concord South Church, Henniker, Rindge, Farmington, Milton and Tamworth. In these places there have been hopeful conversions, from eight or ten up to twenty or more. Upon many other congregations the influences of the Spirit have distilled, like the dew, the happy results of which have been the quickening of the graces of the people of God, and the occasional conversion of sinners.

Most of the churches speak of outward prosperity; some, of the increase of numbers in the house of God; many, of a heart-felt interest in christian beneficence; generally, of interest in studying God's word in the Sabbath School; some, of meeting-houses built and repaired; numbers, of a more liberal support of those who minister to them in spiritual things. From all parts of the State are heard grateful acknowledgements of the goodness of God, and the wisdom of legislators, in removing from us, to so great an extent, the baneful traffic in intoxicating drinks. A healthful state of feeling pervades all our churches in relation to the great question of human freedom. We notice, with peculiar pleasure, the organization, a little more than a year ago, of the "Manchester Young Men's Christian Association." It is accomplishing much good in the kindly and christian influences it throws around our young men, by extending to them the fraternal hand when they enter the city, and directing their steps in the way to Zion's gate. For all these things, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Many of our churches, and some District Associations, report a decrease of numbers at the Lord's table. Death and the spirit of emigration are both doing their work. Thus our individual churches may be weakened, because the great Master is transferring some of our loved ones to other portions of his earthly vineyard, and transplanting others into those

"everlasting gardens,
Where angels walk and seraphs are the wardens."

Death has invaded the ministry of our State. Rev. David Sutherland of Bath, Rev. Alexander Lovell of Nashua, Rev. John M. Ellis of Nashua, Rev. Sereno T. Abbott of Seabrook, and Rev. William D. Hitchcock of Exeter, are no more. In the first two, decrepit age; in the third and fourth, the strength of manhood; and in the last, a bud of unusual promise have alike passed away. But shall we mourn? Our heavenly Father hath done it.

A few of our churches present the unhappy spectacle of brethren at variance among themselves. Of this we speak, not to direct towards them the eye of the community, but to impress upon them the solemn truth, that they have already become a spectacle to God, to angels and to men; and that if possible, they may learn the first great lesson of the gospel, which is LOVE.

The reports of Delegates from Foreign Bodies, are, generally, more than usually favorable. We hear of revivals in Colleges and in churches. In some parts of the land God has bestowed richer showers of grace than for many years.

These blessings, whether at home or abroad, witness to the efficacy of prayer; not only of individual prayer, but especially of the united prayers of the people of God; for many of them have been experienced in close connection with occasions of public fasting and prayer. Where reviving influences have been withheld, and spiritual death is the consequence, it has been, not only because God is a sovereign, but because he has exercised his sovereignty for his own glory; seeing in his people neither a desire for the blessing nor a heart to appreciate it, which would secure either his glory or their highest good in the bestowment of it. In the withholding of the blessing, then, we will rejoice in God while we mourn over our own sinfulness.

For the Committee, J. M. R. EATON.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire sends Christian Salutations to the Churches in their connection.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Feeling a deep interest in your spiritual welfare, and knowing our dependance on a steadfast church for life and strength, we beseech you to hold fast the profession of your faith without wavering.

The profession which you have made in the presence of God, angels and men, is worthy of being held fast. It embraces Doctrines the most precious and sublime — the Being and the Perfections of the triune God; – the Redemption of this fallen world through the Mediation of Christ; and the sure prospect of immortal life and righteous retribution beyond the grave. It enjoins Duties the most sacred and important — the renunciation of every sinful habit and passion, and the fulfilment of every moral, social and religious obligation. It contemplates privileges and blessings the most exalted and glorious — as children of

God and heirs of his kingdom, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, and renewed in his likeness by the Holy Ghost. And, moved by love and gratitude to show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light, you have, by a public profession of your faith, consecrated yourselves wholly and forever to his service — your time, talents, and wealth to be henceforth employed for the advancement of his kingdom and glory.

This profession, made in the most solemn manner, sanctioned by the most sacred obligations, and connected with immortal honors and blessings, there is danger — alas! how great the danger! — of failing to hold fast. The heart is prone to leave the fervor of its early love, amid the distracting cares, and chilling influences of the world. The objects of time and sense obscure the perception of spiritual and heavenly things and imperceptibly engrossses the thoughts and affections. The excitements of social and political life divert the mind from Christ and heaven — too often absorb feeling and energy in some vortex of popular agitation. Errors in doctrine or practice may steal upon you unperceived, to undermine the foundations of your faith, or relax your steadfastness in duty. The removal of your brethren by emigration or death, may discourage your hearts, and cause you to give up your profession, as to any practical and aggressive efforts to advance the cause of Christ. Above all, the absence of the special influences of the Holy Spirit may render it exceedingly difficult to avoid falling into a cheerless and backslidden state.

To hold fast your profession, under such circumstances, demands earnest and persevering effort — constant watchfulness and prayer. To this end, we beseech you, brethren, to keep your hearts with all diligence, out of which are the issues of life. Guard with jealous care, against the seductive influences of this present evil world. Suffer not your thoughts and affections to fasten upon its honors, pleasures, or possessions, remembering, "if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Let not a sectarian or party spirit take possession of your soul, to interrupt your communion with Christ, and with all who love him in sincerity. Amidst the emulations and strifes of church and state, hold fast your profession, as a *christian*, a disciple of the meek and lowly Jesus. To belong to his kingdom and bear his name, is a privilege and honor unequalled on earth. States and empires rise and fall in quick succession. But the church stands, and will stand, when they have all passed away. To have a worthy place in its communion, is to be accounted a nobler distinction than to hold the highest rank in any human organization, or to wear the brightest diadem of earthly power and fame.

But while you guard against the temptations and excitements of the world, be equally guarded against the spirit of indifference so prevalent in the church, "Wo to them that are at ease in Zion." While you are ready to receive every doctrine of the Bible and every disciple of Christ, in the liberality of your faith, and the fulness of your love, beware of lowering the gospel standard of truth and duty, to suit the views and habits of worldly men.

Above all, maintain your profession by a life of consistent and active piety. Keep alive the spirit of devotion, by daily communion with God in your closets. Suffer not the fire to go out on the domestic altar, or Christ to be a stranger in the family circle. Bear cheerfully your part of the labors and burdens of the church — cherish a personal interest in its welfare by actively sharing its trials and responsibilities. Yield not to the prevalent and baneful habit of neglecting the ordinances of religion. Let no selfish or wordly interest keep you from the place of conference and prayer. In all your secular engagements, make worldly business subordinate to christian duty. How can he be a cross-bearing disciple of Christ, who suffers gain or pleasure to interfere with the fulfilment of his covenant obligations. Such a course is not holding fast that profession, in which you solemnly promised to seek in all things the interests of Christ's kingdom, and to walk in all the ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Are you tempted, dear brethren, to forsake the prayer-meeting, because so thinly attended; or to relax your efforts to sustain public worship, because so few in number? We know your trials — we sympathize deeply with the members of our feeble churches. With a scattered and decreasing population, and called frequently to part with their brethren, it requires no small degree of faith and perseverance to hold on, and sustain the institutions of religion. It often demands greater self-denial and christian fortitude to stand by the old church, and strengthen the things that remain, than to move on with the tide of emigration to found new churches at the West, or even to cross the ocean to plant the standard of the cross on heathen shores. But, though left to struggle alone, and scarcely able to maintain your position, trust in the Captain of your salvation, and stand fast where he has placed you. Go not, without his orders, to seek more exciting and encouraging fields for action. Move not away to enjoy the privileges of a stronger church. Yea, rather, let those who can be spared in larger and wealthier societies, hasten to the weak points along the line of battle, and help stay up the wavering standard against the foe. The early christians, it is said, in some cases, became servants and entered heathen families, the better to promote the cause of Christ. You have made the same profession of entire consecration to his service — you look forward to the same rewards in his heavenly kingdom. Oh! let not the walls of Zion be broken down — let not her strong-holds be forsaken. Let not the hosts of hell exult over a fallen church — a deserted sanctuary. Let not our brethren, as they return occasionally from their conquests in new territories, find the posts in their rear surrendered to the enemy. We must maintain the ground already won. Nor is this enough.

To hold fast our profession, we must advance in the divine life — make aggressions upon the kingdom of satan. Putting on the whole armor of God, we must go forth into the open field, and push on the conflict with error and sin. As servants of the great Redeemer, share personally in every self-denying and benevolent enterprise – take an active part in every suitable effort for the moral, social, and political redemption of the world. Obey the voice of God, by choosing for

rulers "able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." Like Him who preached deliverance to the captives and the opening of prisons to them that are bound, use your influence to "undo the heavy burdens, break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free." Move onward in the cause of temperance, bearing up fearlessly the banner, on which God and the State have inscribed "Wo unto him that giveth his neighbor drink;" but neglect not to put forth those moral influences and personal efforts, which alone have power to reform and save the inebriate. In every enterprize act on christian principles, and in a christian spirit. In every walk of life, in public and private, at home and abroad, hold fast your profession. There is no time or place, for you to lay aside your character as a christian, in covenant with God and his people.

Above all, my brethren, labor for the salvation of souls, and the edification of the church. Become missionaries amid the moral wastes at home — emulate the zeal of converts in heathen lands — go to your unconverted neighbors, and tell them of the blessed Savior. Gather *all* the children into Sabbath Schools. Persuade *all* the people to come to the house of God on *his* holy day, urging as the reason, not the eloquence of your minister or the attractions of your church, but the duty of *every man to worship his Creator and Redeemer.*

Are you disposed to complain that your pastor is no more of a missionary himself? Enter more deeply into his labors and trials — meet him punctually at the preparatory lecture, and in the conference room — seek out cases of interest and lay them before him — show yourselves ready to coöperate with him in personal and direct efforts to save souls, and build up the church, and see if he is not ready to cooperate in every good work. Remember, a whole church is stronger than a single pastor. Laboring thus, you may look with confidence for a blessing. But if it tarry,

> "Still wrestle at the throne of grace,
> And wait for a reviving hour."

Thus, hold fast your profession even unto the end. In faith and hope toil on, until released from your labors by your Divine Master, and called home to rest in his heavenly kingdom. Your labors and sufferings may pass unnoticed on earth, but they are all recorded in heaven. Christ is ever present to sympathize in your trials and discouragements, and will ere long crown your humble efforts to promote his cause, with honor and glory. Though now left to struggle in adversity, and with all your exertions scarcely able to hold your ground, by and by the victory will be won. Then will those who tarried by the stuff in the lower vale, share as largely in the honors and spoils of triumph, as those who went forth to battle on the high places of the earth.

Finally, brethren, hold fast your profession, by unwavering faith in God. Rely on his strength — rest on his promises. "He is faithful that promised." His word will be fulfilled. Thrown back, it may be, for a time, ourselves, on some eddying current of society, the mighty stream of redeeming influences is still sweeping onward, to overspread

the world. "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." The residue of the Spirit will be given — the people shall be willing in the day of his power. Great voices in heaven shall proclaim, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." Then will each faithful servant appear with him in glory — be crowned "with songs and everlasting joy. Therefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord."

For the Committee,

AMBROSE SMITH.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, June 7, 1855, Dea. James Moulton, Jr. was chosen chairman. The President being absent the meeting was adjourned to June 21, at which meeting Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was present and presided. The Treasurer's account was presented and accepted. Rev. Messrs. H. E. Parker and N. Bouton and Francis N. Fisk were appointed a Committee to meet and confer with the Committee appointed by the General Association respecting an increase of the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was elected President; Samuel Morril, Secretary, and Francis N. Fisk, Treasurer; Samuel Morril and James Moulton, Jr. Auditors. The President, Secretary and Treasurer, Executive Committee.

Rev. S. C. Bartlett, of Manchester, was elected a Trustee in place of Rev. Mr. Ward, who is unable to attend in consequence of age and infirmity.

The Executive Committee made the following appropriations: to Mrs. Moses Dow of Plaistow, $25; Mrs. Mary Pilsbury of Boscawen, $25; Mrs. Betsey Hall of East Lebanon, $25; Mrs. Abby Lawton of Hillsborough $25; Mrs. J. W. Stearns of Brentwood. $25—$125.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec'y.

Statistics of the Churches.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed for benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minis. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Alton,	Franklin Davis,	Stated supply.	4	8	12	1	1	2			1	1							75	1795
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	93	135	228															1848
Bridgewater,	Vacant.																			667
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	30	46		2	2								60	36 350		14	100	543
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	24	56	80	1		1	1		3	4		3	3					1439
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	55	83	138	5	2	7	8			8		4	4	91	500		74	140	3282
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.		14	24	38															
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	42	71	113						4	4					350			
Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	13	17	30				1		2	3					162 50		30	90	800
Hebron,			6	22	28				1		2	3				25	137 50		25	175	600
Loudon 1st church,																				1552
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	49	130	179	1	1	2	1	1	5	7	1	1	2	250	600		84	200	3521
Meredith Village,	J. E. Farwell,	Stated supply.	16	40	56	1		1			1	1	1		1					
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	41	107	148		1	1	8		1	9		2	2	450	550		75	200	1290
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell,	June 4, 1852.	47	90	137	1	3	4	8		2	10	1		1	110	500		64	140	2800
Thornton,	Vacant.		7	10	17															1011
Bristol,	J. Garland,	Stated supply.	27	49	76	6	3	9	2			2	4	1	5	133 08	400		30	120	1100
Danbury,	Daniel Goodhue,	March 2, 1855.	23	24	47												400			100	1000
18	13		477	896	1373	16	13	29	30	1	21	52	7	11	18					

Licentiate—C. C. Durgin.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minis. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Bethlehem,	Thomas Hall,	Stated supply.	13	21	34	4	1	5					1	1	2	16	225	21	100	950
Franconia,			4	10	14						1	1					175		125	584
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	32	96	128						1	1				125	600	100	180	2100
3	2		49	127	176	4	1	5			2	2	1	1	2	141	1000	121	405	1744

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	29	47	*76	3	2	5	4	6	10	1		1	70	400	73	77	1000
Deerfield,	U. W. Condit,	July 10, 1855.	40	65	105	7	2	9	3		3		1	1		600			2022
Epsom,	E. H. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	34	66	100	1	3	4	4	3	7	1		1	82	50 500‡	74		1366
Loudon, 1st church,	Jairus Ordway,	Stated supply.	27	59	86		1	1					1	1	33	35 350	44		1552
Loudon, 2d church,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	13	31	44		1	1		1	1				67	50 400‡	39		
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1850.	32	54	86	6	1	7	2	5	7	5		5	48	62 400	65		1312
Nottingham,	Vacant.		2	2	4														1268
Pittsfield,	J. Augustine Hood,	Dec. 17, 1854.	58	109	†167	13	8	21	2	6	8	9	12	21	195	13 650 &	Parsonage		1825
8	7		235	433	668	30	18	48	15	21	36	16	14	30	497	10 3300			10,845

* Not including 34 non-residents. † Including 31 non-residents. ‡ $100 of this sum received of Home Missionary Society.

Without charge—Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; Josiah Prentice, Northwood; Rufus A. Putnam, Epsom.

																Population.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Acting Pastor.	34	67	101	14	8	22	4	3	7	8	2	10	600
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	17	35	52		2	2							810
Candia,	William T. Herrick,	Ju'y 5, 1854.	92	158	250	2		2	4	5	9		4	4	1482
Chester,	Lauren Ainsby,	May 27, 1846.	70	125	195	6	1	7	3	2	5	2	4	6	1301
Derry, 1st church,	Joshua W. Welman,	June 18, 1851.	85	167	252	1	3	4	4	2	6	1	1	2	1850
Derry, 1st Cong. ch.	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	34	96	130				1	5	6				
Hampstead,	John M. C. Burtley,	Oct. 12, 1836.	25	60	85										789
Pelham,	Vacant.				89										1071
Plaistow,	Charles Tenney,	Acting Pastor.	28	62	90	14	6	20	1	3	4	12	11	23	748
Salem,	William Page,	Dec. 1, 1853.	14	44	58	1	3	4	5	3	8		2	2	1555
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	48	86	134	2	6	8	1	7	8	1	2	3	818
11	10		447	900	1436	40	29	69	23	90	53	24	26	50	11,024

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minist. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded. Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Conway,	Vacant.		22	48	70				1	1	2								1900
Effingham,	Vacant.		7	18	25														1251
Farmington,	Daniel D. Tappan, S.S.	Oct. 1852.	13	24	37	10	1	11				9	4	13	120	500	59	125	2000
Moultonborough,	W. P. Apthorp, S. S.	Jan. 1855.	29	44	73		4	4		2	2					500	28	80	1700
Ossipee,	Horace Wood, S. S.	1848.	29	40	69				1	1	2				128	350	26	90	2123
Sandwich Corner,	Vacant.		17	34	51				2	1	3		1	1					2577
Sandwich North,	Vacant.		7	11	18					1	1								
Tamworth,	John H. Merrill,	Aug. 17, 1853.	63	114	177	9	5	14	1	3	4	7	2	9	131	450	63	150	1766
Tuftonborough,	Vacant.		7	14	21					2	2				8				1305
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker, S. S.	1835.	9	26	35	1	1	2	3	1	4				54			100	1500
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour, S. S.	Nov. 1854.	16	42	58		8	8										150	2038
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill, S. S.	1851.	19	37	56				2	1	3	1	2	3	50	325	12	50	
Milton,	James Doldt, S. S.	184?	26	54	80		2	2								300		175	1620
13	8		264	506	770	20	16	36	10	13	23	17	9	26	491	2425		920	19,780

Without charge—Rev. J. Dodge of Moultonborough, and Rev. Mr. Kingsbury of Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	87	208	295	3	7	10	7		6	13	1		1	650	700		350	1660
Brookline,	Vacant.		24	51	75	former report.														718
Hollis,	P. B Day,	July 7, 1852.	61	119	180				3		1	4				850	700		400	1292
Mason,	J. L. Arms,	Oct. 30, 1850.	49	57	106	2	2	4			2	2				72	450		100	1628
Mason village,	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	39	75	114				8			8				180	600	70	120	1626
South Merrimack,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	12	32	44	6	2	8	8		1	9	3	1	4	22	332	58	70	1250
Milford,	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			306	2	5	7	4		4	8	2	3	5	668	800		450	2500
Nashua, Olive St.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	116	234	350	2	3	5	10		5	15	2		2		1000		385	
Nashua, 1st ch.	George B Jewett,	May 24, 1855.	73	340	413		3	3	7			7				644	1500			12000
Nashua, Pearl St.	Ezra E. Adams,	Aug 31, 1853.	51	131	182	1	7	8	21		4	25	1	3	4	1000	1300	200	500	
New Ipswich, 1st ch.	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	84	172	256				3		2	5		7	7		700		250	
New Ipswich, 2d ch.	Vacant.				60															1877
Mont Vernon,	Charles D Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	51	117	168	2	1	3		2	7	9				400	450		275	799
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	92	165	257	8	6	14	6	1	7	14	1	10	11	300	500	90	350	1274
Temple,	George Goodyear,	April 25, 1855.	31	63	94															579
Wilton,	Vacant.		29	55	84	by last year's report														1161
16	13		799	1879	2979	26	36	62	77	3	39	119	10	24	34	4786	9032			28,362

Without Pastoral Charge—H. Moore, D. D., Leonard Jewett, J. E. B. Jewett, J. W. Shepard, Wm. Clark, Noah Emerson, Daniel Goodwin, Walter Follett.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Male.	Female.	Total.	Additions Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Baptisms Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Contributed to benevolent objects.		Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors min. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	8	15	23	2		2					2		2	22	50	81	36	75	1220
Boscawen, East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 15, 1853.	58	87	145				1		1	2		6	6	400		600	78	200	2063
Boscawen, West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	58	101	159		1	1	2		2	4		1	1	173		450	73	150	
Bradford,	Carey Russell,	Stated supp'y.	15	33	48				2		1	3				21	89	335	34	100	1400
Bristol,	Joseph Garland,	Stated supply.	25	46	71	Former		report.													1103
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	44	81	125		1	1			6	6		1	1						1614
Concord, East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	35	69	104	3		3		2	1	3	2		2	134	81	400		120	
Concord, First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D.D.	March 23, 1825.	67	185	252	5		5	7		6	13	3	2	5	460		900	123	350	
Concord, South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	87	180	267	19	10	29	8		3	11	7	6	13	800		1000	130	400	10500
Concord, West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	67	133	200	21	2	23	5		2	7	8	3	11	123	42	450	67	250	
Fisherville,		Stated supply.	23	50	73	Former		report.													
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	25	80	105		6	6	2			2		1	1	176	65	650			1251
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	51	119	170	4	1	5	1	1	5	7	2	1	3	433	83	500	76	170	1600
Hill,	Vacant.		13	29	42	Former		report.													954
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	June. 1853.	55	125	180				1		1	2		4	4	450		600		350	2500
Northfield & Sanbornton Br.,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	38	88	126	10	1	11	3			3	8	1	9	130		475	89	270	*2200
Pembroke,	Robert Crossett,	March 16, 1854.	32	92	124	6	4	10	2		1	3	3	3	6	154		500	90	150	1733
Salisbury,	B. F. Foster,	Stated supply.	25	63	88	3		3					1	11	12			450		125	1228
Warner,	H. O. Howland,	Jan. 4, 1854.	36	89	125		4	4	1		3	4		1	1			500			2038
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	12	18	30	3		3	1		2	3		1	1	17	12	200	23	65	1272
20	19	* Population of parish.	774	1683	2457	76	30	106	36	3	34	73	36	42	78	3497.22		7500	819	2775	32,726

Without charge—Ebenezer Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, D. D.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	18	39	57	5	4	9		1	1	2	1	1	2	24	220	60	100	908
Dalton,	Vacant.		9	20	29															751
Lancaster,	E. B. Chamberlain,	Stated supply.	12	67	79	10	2	12	3		2	5	4		4	50	550			1559
Stewartstown,	Vacant.		12	20	32				1			1				9	50	28	90	747
4	2		51	146	197	15	6	21	4	1	3	8	5	1	6	88	820	88	190	3965

Without charge—Josiah Morse, Northumberland.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford,	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	56	94	150	5	2	7	3		5	8	1	6	7	500	600	100	400	1300
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	30	85	115						7	7		2	2	255	470	61	160	915
Goffstown,	E. H. Richardson,	May, 1854.	37	70	107	3	3	6	5		4	9				260	700		200	2270
Hooksett,	Vacant.		9	27	36												250*			1503
Hudson,	D. L. French, S. S.	Nov. 1852.	24	45	69		2	2			1	1					275†		125	1312
Litchfield, Pres.	Ebenezer Newhall,	Sept. 27, 1854.	5	15	20		4	4			1	1				25	225‡		75	447
Londonderry, Pres.	Vacant.		54	119	173				4		2	6			3	3	224	600	74	150	1731
Manchester, 1st,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	87	186	273	17	15	32	12	1	4	17	7		7	808	1000			
do Franklin Street,	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 3, 1853.	64	182	246	9	13	22	10		5	15	7	4	11	800	1200			17000
do City Mission,	T. P. Suwin, S. S.	March 26, 1853.	5	35	40	2	3	5		1	1	2		4	4		550‖	not	kno.	
Merrimack,	Vacant.		58	102	160												500			1250
11	8		429	960	1389	36	42	78	34	2	30	66	15	19	33	2872	6370			27,928

Without charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent Am. B. S.; Harry Brickett, Licentiate, Prin. Mer. Nor. Institute.
* Aided by H. M. Soc. $150; † $125; ‡ $150; ‖ $150.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minister. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infan.s.	Total.					
Alstead, 1st,	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	20	52	72	1		1	1			1				50	300	35	100	1400
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	48	74	122		1	1	3		1	4		3	3	50	370	38	125	1535
Alstead, Paper-mill Vil.	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	6	27	33	2		2					1		1	25	400	35	85	1535
Chesterfield,	Destitute.																			1680
Dublin,	George S. Kemp,		12	24	36				8		3	11								1088
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	Stated supply.	55	96	151	9	2	11	7		7	14	3	6	9	627	500	60	350	1482
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	14	29	43		1	1			2	2				100	300	42	90	668
Hinsdale,	Destitute.		32	56	88	8		8	2	2	2	6	4	1	5	125	600	60	185	1500
Jaffrey,	Luban Ainsworth, / Leonard Tenney,	Dec. 10, 1782. / March 19, 1845.	38	106	144	1		1			3	3		2	2	93	500	84	170	1497
Jaffrey, East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated supply.	19	33	52	2	2	4	3		1	4	1	4	5	221	500	45	85	1497
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	66	207	273	5	5	10	6		6	12	1	3	4	550	700	200	450	3392
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	32	65	97	1		1	2		1	3		2	2	79	320		150	886
Nelson,	William P. Gale,	Stated supply.	41	53	94		4	4	4		1	5		1	1	120	400*	70	120	775
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	19	36	55	1	1	2	8		2	10		1	1	80	450	25	90	700
Roxbury,	Destitute.		8	17	25						2	2				3			75	280
Stoddard,	Joshua S. Gay,	Stated supply.	9	36	45	4		4	2		2	4	2		2	15	450		110	1105
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	39	70	109	1	1	2	2		1	3	1	1	2	123	325	43	125	468
Surry,	Destitute.																			556
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, 1836.	22	33	55				3		2	5		2	2	120	325	58	100	2106
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	18	42	60				6		1	7				245	350	65	100	800
Walpole,	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855.	19	71	90				2		1	3				75	600		200	2000
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	40	112	152															1700
Westmoreland, South,	R. W. Fuller,	Stated supply.	7	19	26		1	1						1	1	36	400		90	
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 23, 1847.	63	121	184	1		1	3		3	6		4	4	300	600	83	200	2600
24	22		627	1379	2006	36	18	59	62	2	41	105	13	31	44	3047	8390	7000		30,950

Without charge—Rev. G. Newell, Nelson; Rev. E. Jennison, New Alstead; Rev. A. Jenkins, Fitzwilliam. * & Parsonage.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minis support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1853.	32	79	111		1	1	7		2	9		1	1	160	600	85	200	1574
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated supply.	13	24	37		4	4						1	1		300	45	75	2000
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 9, 1849.	35	117	152	2	5	7	5		4	9	1		1	467	600	60	200	2800
Haverhill North,	Vacant.		5	10	15															
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	Nov. 1850.			75	5		5	2		1	3				63	400		125	1500
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	126	229	355	10	1	11	11	1	5	17	6	5	11	587	600		325	1618
Orford East,	Jotham Sewall,	Feb. 16, 1853.	45	43	88	4	2	6	1		1	2	3		3	65	400		100	1400
Orford West,	W. A. Smith,	Stated supply.	28	61	89	17	7	24			1	1	8	2	10	100	600	60	150	
Piermont,	I. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	35	65	100									1	1		300		200	948
Wentworth,		Jan. 20, 1832.	10	24	34						3	3							150	1197
10	8		329	652	1056	38	20	58	26	1	17	44	18	10	28	1442				

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed for benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to ministerial support.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	14	31	45	1		1			3	3	1	1	2	50	450	34	130	1754
Brentwood,	Charles Dame,	May 17, 1834.	21	42	63	1	2	3			2	2	1		1	10	600	65	120	950
Dover,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1853.	85	286	371	3	4	7	2		3	5	3	4	7	890	1000	136		8193
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	9	49	58	2		2			2	2	2		2	176	650	61	160	1497
Epping,	Vacant.		19	31	50						1	1					500			1663
Exeter, 1st church,	Vacant.		47	75	122															
Exeter, 2d church,	Isaac Hurd, / Asa Mann,	Sept. 11, 1819. / Nov. 19, 1851.	17	77	94	11		11					9	1	10	500	900	60	200	3400
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	11	36	47											136	600	40	80	739
Hampton,	Vacant.		50	120	170		1	1	4		6	10		12	12	75	600	65	250	1500
Kingston,	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1833.	18	48	66					1	2	3					600	95	160	1190
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	8	24	32											12				891
Newington,	Vacant.																			472
New Market,	Elliot C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	13	25	38															1937
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D. / John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1801. / Nov. 18, 1832.	71	107	178		1	1			2	2		7	7	280	600	90	250	950
Portsmouth,	Henry D. Moore,	Aug. 17, 1834.	76	247	323															9738
Raymond,	Vacant.		53	85	138															1256
Rochester,	James C. Seagrave,	May 25, 1834.	14	75	89						2	2				100	600	65	175	3000
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	70	101		1	1								30	450	90	200	1200
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	Vacant.		21	47	68															1936
Salmon Falls, Rollinsford,	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	25	70	95	5	4	9	5			5	5	3	8	175	700	93	175	1862
Great Falls, Somersworth,	Vacant.		47	119	166	17	16	33	3	1		4		2	2	400	1000	220	450	4800
South New Market,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	8	14	22				2		2	4				60	400	20	100	600
Stratham,	John M. Steele,	Nov. 30, 1833.	17	38	55	3	4	7			2	2				50	600		100	840
23	18		675	1716	2391	43	33	76	16	2	27	45	21	30	51	2944				

Without charge—Jonathan Ward.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846	82	116	198		3	3	5		3	8		7	7	1251
Charlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.	12	37	49	1		1	3		6	9				1644
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	78	110	188	1	7	8	7	1	10	18	1	5	6	3606
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	34	52	86	8	3	11			3	3	1	1	2	1606
Croydon,			20	25	45											861
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	82	160	242	1	11	12	13			13		3	3	1001
Enfield,			8	9	17	Former			report.							1742
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	21	34	55	1		1	1		1	2	1		1	659
Langdon,	C. Taylor,	Stated supply.	16	31	47	5	3	8	1		1	2	3	1	4	575
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	47	101	148	2	2	4			1	1	2	3	5	2136
Lebanon West,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	40	65		4	4	1		1	2				
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	28	51	79		2	2	6	1	3	10		1	1	906
Lempster 2d,			10	13	23				2		2	4				
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	64	37	101	7	1	8	5		6	11	4	1	5	800
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1852.	92	157	249	3	1	4	10		8	18		5	5	2020
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	6	28	34		1	1			1	1		2	2	600
Unity,			3	5	8	Former			report.							961
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	7	28	35				4			4				1053
18	14		635	1034	1669	29	38	68	58	2	46	105	12	29	41	

Without charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover;
E. T. Rowe, Meriden; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon;
Licentiate, C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minist. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Antrim, Presbyterian,	John H. Bates,	March 16, 1853.	54	120	174		3	3	8		1	9		3	3	228	500	95	300	1143
Bennington,	John M. Whiton, S. S.	March 1, 1853.	9	31	40						1	1				55	250	35	120	541
Deering,	James W. Perkins, S.S.	1855.	12	24	36	1	1	2			1	1		1	1	11	400		100	890
Francestown,	Lathrop Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	100	210	310	7	8	15	7		4	11	2	15	17	530	800	150	500	1114
Greenfield, 1st Cong.,	John LeBosquet, S. S.	April, 1849.	33	70	103	2	2	4	1		3	4	1		1	100	400	55	150	716
Greenfield, Evangelical,	Jonathan McGee,	Acting Pastor.	43	91	134															
Hancock,	Asahel Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	71	129	200	3		3			7	7	2	3	5	159	500		300	1060
Hillsboro' Centre,	Samuel H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853.	28	42	70	2	1	3			3	3				50	350	75	150	1685
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	17	48	65	3	2	5	2		2	4	1	6	7	75	350	60	150	
Lyndeboro',	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	38	64	102				1	1	5	7		1	1	158	475	50	140	968
New Boston, Presbyteri	an, Destitute. No retu	rn.			165															1476
Peterboro', Presbyter.	Destitute. No return.				56															2222
12	10		405	829	1455	18	17	35	15	1	27	47	6	29	35	1366	4025	520	1910	11,817

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education*.*	*Home Miss.*	*Bible Society.*	*§ For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Bel. & Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

*Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † American and Foreign Christian Union.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Chs.	Min.	Com'cts.	Add.	Rem.	Bap.	Contribu.	Pop.Towns.
Belknap,	18	13	1373	29	52	18		
Caledonia,	3	2	176	5	2	2	141	1744
Deerfield,	8	7	668	48	36	30	497	10,345
Derry	11	10	1446	69	53	50		11,024
Harmony,	13	8	770	36	23	26	491	19 780
Hollis	16	13	2979	62	119	34	4786	28.362
Hopkinton,	20	19	2457	106	73	78	3497	32,726
Lancaster,	4	2	197	21	8	6	83	3.965
Manchester,	11	8	1389	78	66	33	2872	27.928
Monadnock,	24	22	2006	59	105	44	3047	30,950
Orange,	10	8	1056	58	44	28	1442	13,837
Piscataqua,	23	18	2391	76	45	51	2944	59,208
Sullivan,	18	14	1669	68	105	41		21.420
Union,	12	10	1455	35	47	35	1366	11.817
14	191	154	20.022	750	778	476	21.166	273,106
For 1854	187	158	20,309	759	664	467		

1854 Stated supplies 45. Vacant 26. Add by prof.467. Inf.Bap. 285
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CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster.	Joseph B. Hill.
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	Edwin S. Wright.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

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MINUTES.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

1856.

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OF THE

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AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN EXETER,

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MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Meeting House of the First Church in Exeter, on Tuesday, August 26, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A.M. The meeting was opened by a *Concio ad Clerum* by Rev. E. Irvin Carpenter, of Littleton, from Matt. 18 : 11. After Sermon the preacher took the Chair. Credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following Ministers were found to constitute the General Association :

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap,	R. M. Sargent, James Boutwell, Almon Benson.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Derry,	E. G. Parsons, Jesse Page.
Harmony,	J. H. Merrill, D. D. Tappan.
Hollis,	S. Lee, H. Moore, D. D.
Hopkinton,	W. T. Savage, H. Moody.
Lancaster,	J. B. Hill.
Manchester,	S. C. Bartlett.
Monadnock,	J. Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., G. W. Adams.
Orange,	None.
Piscataqua,	J. M. Sibele, J. Dinsmore, C. Dame, J. H. Mellish.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence, C. A. Downs, H. Cummings, J. F. Griswold.
Suncook,	J. A. Hood.
Union,	J. H. Bates, J. Cummings.
Ex Officio,	J. K. Young, Secretary. A. P. Tenney, Treasurer. N. Lasell, A. Mann, Pastors of the churches in Exeter.

Gen. Conference of Maine, Joseph Smith.
Gen. Association of Mass., Emerson Davis, D. D.
Gen. Association of Conn., Alpha Miller.
Gen. Association of Ohio, S. P. Fay.
Gen. Association of Iowa, E. Adams.
Gen. Convention of Wisconsin, H. Freeman.
Gen. Assembly Pres. Church, *O. S.*, John M. Krebs, D. D.
" " *N. S.*. G. R. Fairchild, D, D.
N. H. Baptist State Convention, William Lamson, D. D. F. Merriam.
N. H. Methodist State Conference, James Thurston.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Moderator, Rev. R. M. Sargent, Scribe, and Rev. H. Cummings, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Lasell, Barstow and Savage were appointed a Committee on Nominations and Overtures.

Adjourned till a quarter past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, J. Boutwell, S. Lee, J. Freeman and S. P. Fay were appointed a Committee to report on the Narratives on the state of religion.

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., J. French, D. D., A. W. Burnham, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, J. Woods, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, Z. S. Barstow, D. D. and L. Whiting, were appointed a Committee to certify the regular standing of Ministers and Licentiates travelling beyond the bounds of this State.

Rev. Messrs. S. Lee and H. Cummings were chosen a Committee on the place and preacher for the next meeting.

Rev. R. M. Sargent, Delegate to the General Association of Iowa, reported his attendance and kind reception by that body.

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was chosen Auditor for the coming year.

Voted, To have 600 copies of the Minutes printed. The Scribes were appointed a Committee of publication.

Rev. Messrs. A. P. Tenney, J. A. Hood and Jesse Page were appointed a Committee to revise the plan recommended for benevolent operations.

The report of the Treasurer, Rev. A. P. Tenney, was read and accepted; and it was voted that a tax of 25 cents be assessed on each member for the next year.

The hour for public exercises having arrived, after prayer by Rev. I. Willey, reports from the District Associations were received, with practical remarks by Rev. W. Clark. Reports were presented by the Delegates from the General Associations of Iowa, Massachusetts and Connecticut, from the Congregational Conference of Ohio, from the General Conference of Maine, from the General Convention of Wisconsin and from the N. H. Methodist Conference.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Barstow.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Davis.

Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Rev. W. R. Jewett, Delegate to the General Assembly, O. S. reported by letter his attendance and kind reception. Rev. O. Holmes, Delegate to the Massachusetts General Association, Rev. W. Fifield, Delegate to the N. H. Methodist Conference, and Rev. J. B. Hill, Delegate to the N. H. Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, reported attendance and kind reception by those bodies.

Voted, That the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address be requested to forward the same to the Publishing Committee and that it be published in the Minutes.

The following Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed:

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Amos Blanchard, primary; and Rev. G. W. Adams, substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. James Boutwell. primary, and Rev. A. P. Tenney, substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. A. Mann, primary, and Rev. W. T. Savage, substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. William G. Tuttle, primary, and Rev. Henry Cummings, substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. M. B. Angier, primary, and Rev. E. E. Adams, substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. E. N. Hidden, primary, and Rev. J. A. Hood, substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. Isaac Willey, primary, and Rev. G. W. Adams, substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. R. F. Lawrence, primary, and Rev. J. Ordway, substitute.

To the Congregational Conference of Ohio, Rev. Charles Tenney, primary, and Rev. N. Lasell, substitute.

To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D. primary, and Rev. S. C. Bartlett, substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., Rev. J. K. Young, primary, and Rev. J. H. Bates, substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., Rev. Loren Thayer, primary, and Rev. Samuel Lee, substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. E. G. Parsons, primary, and Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., substitute.

To the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, Rev. C. Shedd, primary, and Rev. H. A. Kendall, substitute.

To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. R. Kimball, primary, and Rev. R. M. Sargent, substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, Rev. A. Smith, primary, and Rev. J. A. Hood, substitute.

Rev. Messrs. S. C. Bartlett and O. Holmes were appointed a Committee on the communication and resolutions from the General Association of Iowa.

Rev. Messrs. E. G. Parsons, J. M. Steele, and J. H. Merrill were appointed to prepare resolutions on Temperance.

Resolved, That a Committee be raised to report to the next General Association the proportion of the population of this State that neglect public worship. Rev. Drs. Stone and Bouton and Rev. Wm. Clark were appointed as that Committee.

Rev. Henry E. Parker was appointed preacher before the Communion next year, and Rev. C. W. Wallace, substitute.

The Delegate from the N. H. Baptist Convention, and the Delegate from the General Assembly, N. S., presented reports.

The American Tract Society received attention. Rev. S. Bliss introduced Mr. Cross, Colporteur in Virginia, who gave an account of his labors.

An overture on a monument to WHITEFIELD, who preached his last Sermon near the spot where the Association was in session, was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. L. Whiting, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. and Rev. A. Mann.

Association gave place to the N. H. Education Society. Prayer and reports, and addresses by Rev. Messrs. Downs and Whiting.

Association resumed business, and the Sabbath School Anniversary was held. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bouton; report presented by Rev. J. H. Merrill, and addresses by Rev. A. Bullard, Rev. Charles Tenney and Rev. C. W. Wallace.

Adjourned till half past 1 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

A letter from the Oregon Association of Presbyterian and Congregational Ministers was read and the Secretary was instructed to answer the same.

The Committee for revising the plan recommended for benevolent operations, reported, that with the Tract Society be united the name of the Congregational Board of Publication, as recommended to the benevolence of the churches, and that the times for the collections in Grafton and Coos Counties, and in Rockingham County be mutually interchanged; and the report was adopted.

Association gave place for the N. H. Bible Society. Prayer was offered, and reports made. Addresses by Rev. Messrs. E. N. Hidden, William Lamson, D. D., J. P. Leo, Z. S. Barstow, D. D. and N. Bouton, D. D.

Rev. G. R. Fairchild, D. D., presented the cause of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Association resumed business.

The Committee on place and preacher for the next meeting, reported, that the Secretary decide upon and give public notice of the place, and that Derry Association furnish the preacher.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Iowa, made a report, which was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Resolutions in favor of the American and Foreign Christian Union were presented and adopted, and were as follows :—

Whereas large portions of the nominal Christian world are overrun by the errors of the Greek and Roman apostacies, and their inhabitants are involved in great moral darkness endangering their own salvation, and greatly hindering the progress of the work of evangelization among the Mohammedan and Pagan nations :—And whereas, in the judgment of this Association, the appropriate remedy for these evils is the propagation of a pure Christianity in the parts corrupted : therefore,

Resolved, That the American and Foreign Christian Union, whose object is, to promote and diffuse a pure and evangelical Christianity, wherever a corrupted Christianity exists, meets the cordial approbation of this General Association.

Resolved, That, in view of the success that has attended the labors of this Society since its organization, and of the many wide and inviting doors of usefulness that are now open among the papal population in this hemisphere, and also in the Eastern, for the introduction of Evangelical Missionaries, the friends of Protestant and Evangelical truth are loudly called upon, to put forth vigorous and increased efforts suitably to occupy these places now providentially open.

Resolved, That, to encourage the Board of Directors and enable them to go on with the work entrusted to them, this Association recommend to the churches in its connexion to take up and forward to the treasury of the Society effective contributions.

The report of the Committee on the Narratives was read, amended and laid over.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Lee.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Adams.

The Minutes of the previous day were read, and the Secretary was instructed to insert a brief notice of the exercises of the benevolent Societies to which the Association gives place.

The resolutions presented by the Committee on the communication from Iowa, being the order of the day, were taken up. After protracted discussion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :—

Whereas, This body, at its last annual meeting, in courteous language, expressed its fears that the new measure of the N. S. General Assembly, for employing Presbyterian Missionaries and organising Presbyterian churches " in advance of all others," would prove " inconsistent with their harmonious co-operation with Congregationalists in the Home Missionary work," and earnestly recommended, before that plan be put in operation, a mutual conference, to come to an amicable understanding of the whole subject ; and whereas, the execution of that plan was commenced, and the plan has been fully sustained by the General Assembly at its recent session ; and whereas, while intimations already appear, of its unfavorable effect on the contributions of our Presbyterian brethren to the Home Missionary Society, distinct and emphatic testimony comes to us from the west, of its unhappy influence " in the disruption of churches and embittered ecclesiastical relations ;" therefore,

Resolved, 1. That our convictions are fully confirmed, that the prosecution of this plan may issue in the final rupture of our mutual and fraternal relations to the Home Missionary work, and we, once more, earnestly entreat them to pause before that issue comes.

2. That should that result, so detrimental to the cause of Christ, take place, the responsibility of it will rest on them, and not on us.

3. That our Secretary communicate these resolutions to the N. S. General Assembly.

The Committee on the monument to Whitefield presented their report, which was accepted, and its consideration deferred.

The Association gave way for the N. H. Missionary Society.

Prayer was offered, and the report was presented, and addresses were made by Rev. W. Clark, Rev. C. Seccombe of Minnesota, and Rev. J. P. Leo, of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Association resumed business. Rev. Dr. Krebs, Rev. Dr. Fairchild, Rev. T. Savage and Rev. A. P. Tenney were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Rev. Messrs. J. Woods and J. Boutwell were appointed a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

The following brethren were appointed Committees on the subjects named :—Rev. E. E. Adams on the Seamen's cause; Rev. E. H. Greeley on the American and Foreign Christian Union; Rev. J. H. Merrill on Sabbath Schools; Rev. J. M. R. Eaton on Foreign Missions; Rev. Wm. T. Herrick on the Tract cause.

Adjourned till half past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion resolved, that the cordial thanks of this Association be presented, through the Pastors of the Congregational churches, to the people of Exeter for their very hospitable entertainment.

The following minute on the state of the country was adopted :—

In view of the present crisis in the political condition of the country, on account of the great differences on questions affecting most deeply and vitally the moral and religious state of society throughout the land, we recommend to our churches and to all Christians *Special Prayer*, that God will save us from present and threatening evils, the result of which we know not, and in his own Almighty wisdom overrule the conflicting interests and passions of men for the establishment of truth, freedom and righteousness.

The remaining resolutions of the Committee on the communication from Iowa were referred to the District Associations, to be incorporated in the Minutes as follows :—

Whereas, There exists a great and increasing difference of sentiment and action between this body and the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, concerning the iniquities of American slavery, and both the General Assemblies have recently denied to foreign bodies the right of remonstrance on this subject;—and whereas, the interchange of Delegates, owing to this difference, is becoming more an occasion of alienation than a bond of peace; therefore,

Resolved, That the continued correspondence of this body by Delegates with the Old School and New School General Assemblies is interrupted by their present position.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate the preamble and resolutions to those bodies.

After discussion the above preamble and resolutions were referred to the District Associations for their action on the same.

The Committee on Temperance reported the following resolutions which were adopted :—

Resolved, That we are convinced of the propriety and necessity of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and its thorough execution, as an important means of suppressing and preventing intemperance in the State.

That the revived attention recently given to the illustration anew of the established principles of the Temperance reform, and also, to obtaining pledges, especially of the young, to total abstinence, meets our hearty approval.

That in order that our efforts in this cause be purely and permanently useful, we should never lose sight of the great truth that God must be our helper, and that we must act in such a manner and in the exercise of such a spirit as will secure God's acceptance and blessing.

The Committee on the Monument to Whitefield made the following report, which was adopted :

The books of Deuteronomy, Ezra and Nehemiah, and the Acts of the Apostles, may be styled the monumental books of the Scripture, of the biblical-famed deeds and men. Inspiration thus indicates its care of the past. It is a constant feature of mankind, advanced from barbarism, to perpetuate the great and worthy acts of the past. The churches of New Hampshire have in possession the scene of an event, the *preaching of the last Sermon* of that beloved disciple of Christ, the world-renowned Rev. GEORGE WHITEFIELD, who, on Saturday, September 29, 1770, closed his earthly labors in a Sermon at Exeter, near the spot where the General Association are now assembled. The Association, mindful of God's eminent grace in this preacher of the gospel, unparallelled by any example since the Protestant Reformation, and deploring the absence of those days of revival, so signal under his labors, and longing to witness again such days, would seek, by preserving the remembrance of those scenes here through some suitable MEMORIAL STONE, that shall remind the resident, the visitor, and the traveller of them, to deepen the desire for their return. To these ends your Committee unanimously propose to the General Association, now convened, to appoint a Committee of seven persons — three from this body and four from the citizens of the town of Exeter — to procure subscriptions, determine the position, plan and legend of the memorial, and to erect the same, agreeably to the above expressed designs.

We also recommend, that a subscription for the above purposes be opened by the Association now assembled.

On this Committee were appointed from the Association, Rev. Messrs. L. Whiting, N. Bouton, D. D. and A. Mann, and from the citizens of the place, Hon. Amos Tuck, Joseph G. Hoyt, Esq., Wm. Perry, M. D. and Wm. Odlin, Esq.

The report of the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund was read and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Krebs presented his credentials as Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., and made a report.

The Sermon before the Communion was preached by Rev. John H. Merrill, from Eph. 3 : 8, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to ascertain the proportion of the people of this State that attend public worship, be enlarged by themselves to a competent number.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Miller, the Association adjourned, *sine die*.

E. IRVIN CARPENTER, *Moderator*.

R. M. SARGENT, *Scribe*.

HENRY CUMMINGS, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The history of God's dealings with this Association and the churches connected with it, is such as should awaken our gratitude and inspire our confidence.

Death has been commissioned to take but one of our number. Our venerable father, Rev. Josiah Prentice, of Northwood, has been called to the rewards of his ministry at the advanced age of 83. Also, within our borders, though not officially connected with this body, Rev. Seneca Cummings, an eminently faithful servant of Jesus Christ, and Missionary of the American Board, received an early call to his rest.

There are in this State, and connected with this Association, about 190 churches, and about 20,000 church members. The additions and removals of members have been nearly equal—the returns making a difference of only 20. Of these additions, 286 have been by profession.

But few revivals are reported; though in many of the congregations there have been a few instances of hopeful conversion, and of the public profession of religion. Instances of conversion are reported as occurring in the Academies at New Ipswich and at Meriden.

It is believed that our Sabbath Schools receive an undiminished share of the attention and prayers of the churches; yet, that the interest and effort in this direction are not what they should be, is evident from the fact, that less than one-third of those in the State, under the age of 21 years, are in the Sabbath School.

The cause of Temperance wears an encouraging aspect. We are called upon to give thanks to God for the Prohibitory Law which is attended with these happy results.

A fact that enters largely into our estimates of the present and the future of our churches, is the constant draft upon its numbers and resources by emigration. Not a few of the churches in the "hill country" of our State, are reported as already so reduced in numbers as to render the support of religious institutions scarcely possible. Either the power of the churches and of the Spirit of God in these places must become such as to secure the conversion of a far greater proportion of the population, or they will soon become "waste places" in our Zion.

We have been most happy to secure Christian salutations through their Delegates, from the N. H. Baptist State Convention, from the N. H. Methodist Episcopal Church, from the General Associations of Masachusetts, Connecticut and Ohio, from the Congregational Association of Iowa, the General Convention of Wisconsin, the General Conference of Maine, and the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church. We are bound to these religious organizations by ties of great sacredness,—ties which we hope may never be sundered.

The cause of Education is steadily advancing. Our Common Schools and Academies are conducted with higher degrees of adaptation to the end which they contemplate. Our College is in many respects prosperous. We are happy to hear that conversions occur among the students. Our hope is for revivals of great power. This is the day of revivals in Colleges. Our own College was founded in prayer. It had for its object the conversion of young men to God, and the education of an efficient and thoroughly sanctified ministry for the church. The present is a day of *hope* with the church. It is addressing itself to the work of the world's conversion in the expectation of great success and of an ultimate, and not remote triumph. It needs a ministry whose heart should have been expanded and its whole character ennobled by the power of Hope, — the hope of success in the sublime effort as "co-workers together with Christ," for the regeneration of our fallen humanity. Our prayer to God is, that this, our beloved Institution, may exert its legitimate influence in preparing for us a ministry of this apostolic type. We commend the College, its officers and its students to the prayers of the churches, whose especially it is. These officers and students need both the incentive and encouragement which such a practice on our part — our prayers — would furnish.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire sends Christian Salutation to the Churches in their connexion.

Beloved Brethren,

You have a right to expect that those who now address you should "watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you." It will be impossible, in a single letter, to unfold to you all the desires of our heart. Suffer us to direct your attention to a single point.

Your Responsibility as Individual Christians.

When the forerunner of Christ cried in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," various classes of men came before him with the inquiry, "What shall we do?" When the persecuting disciple of Gamaliel gained a correct view of the Lord Jesus Christ, his great inquiry was, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Our Saviour's instruction, as set forth in the parable, is this, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard. As often, then, as "to-day" comes every child of God has something to do for him.

1. We invite you, dear brethren, to consider *the greatness of the work to be done*. It is nothing less than, instrumentally, to save souls.

The varieties of character to be acted upon in every community are many. They vary from the *almost persuaded* to the skeptic, and the caviller. The ignorant are to be instructed; the revilers silenced; arguing unbelievers convinced; the despairing encouraged; enquirers directed.

In order to accomplish all this, the power and excellence of the gospel need to be exhibited, not only in the lucid and logical Sermon, but there must be an exemplification of the same in the everywhere present *life*. The work will not be done by an *occasional* effort, but it must be constant as the recurrence of day and night, and ubiquitous as the atmosphere.

2. *Consider the desirableness of the work.*

The Apostle assures us that "godliness is profitable unto all things, *having the promise of the life that now is.*" The Psalmist says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Such texts bring before us the general principle that those who "fear God and keep his commandments" will experience his favor in this world. If we would test the truth of this principle, we have only to recur to the page of history. What is the present condition of the British Isles compared with the same before the introduction of the gospel? The present century has furnished us with a striking example. We need only present the words, "Sandwich Islands," to suggest a most interesting train of thought. Every pious heart prompts the exclamation, Lo, what hath God wrought! The change has been wrought through the gospel; not merely by the introduction of Christianity there, but by the hearty reception of its blessed truths on the part of the people. Let the church of Christ in our own beloved country become extinct with the present generation, and how many years would roll by before the morals of the people would become tenfold more corrupt than they now are? "Ye are the light of the world;" "Ye are the salt of the earth." Dr. Chalmers assures us that the morals of his people waxed worse and worse, notwithstanding all his efforts to improve them, as long as he left out of his preaching the great central doctrines of our holy religion.

But godliness has also the promise of the *life that is to come*. The salvation of the soul in the spirit-world is secured by it. Beloved brethren, send your thoughts forward to that period in your existence which is fast approaching, when you will be spirits, bright angels before the great white throne. There you will be able, from personal experience, to know something of the blessing of salvation. In that position, compute, as nearly as you can, the value of the divine favor, of the society of pure spirits, of the joy and bliss of heaven; then conceive all this to be stricken out of your experience, and your spirits given over to the tormentors, to be kept under chains of darkness till the judgment, then to receive the sentence, *depart!* O how desirable will be the favor of God in that coming world. You hope to experience it, but many of your neighbors have no such hope.

Then remember, *God will be glorified* in the salvation of men. How desirable, on all these accounts, that the people, *all the people*, should become experimental Christians.

But where are the laborers to accomplish, instrumentally, this great and desirable work? The Pastors of the churches cannot do it all. Their previous education, united with their present position, may have given them

'ten talents,' and for the use of these they are responsible. But there are one, two, three, five, ten talents, scattered all through the church, in the possession of the private members, and these also must be used. The history of Napoleon's victories would never have been written had there not reigned among the private soldiers the spirit of war. How then is the great enemy of all righteousness to be driven from his strong hold in the hearts of men, unless there be an intelligent, a determined work of extermination carried forward by all the friends of God and of human renovation?

Beloved brethren, by the grace and providence of God, you are peculiarly fitted to engage in this work. Your circumstances are like those of the men whom we wish brought to Christ. You have similar trials and temptations. You are intimately acquainted with them. You are with them in their families, fields and workshops. You sit with them at the table, and pillow your heads together at night. Surely, all things conspire to render your position a favorable one for giving "precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little," for sowing seed in the morning, and in the evening withholding not the hand, expecting that the one or the other, or *both* will prosper.

And then have you not time enough, leisure time, to accomplish a great amount of work? Those clippings of time which are not devoted to necessary business, when seen in the aggregate, will be no small source of grief to us, if we have lost them. Why not, when a vacant hour occurs, when other masters put no work into our hands, say, "Lord, what wilt *thou* have me to do?" If the inquiry be made with sincere earnestness, employment will not be wanting. The pious Elder, who spent a night in prayer for a 'scoffing infidel,' found time in the morning to ride two miles to the man's shop and say to him, "Mr. R——, I am greatly concerned for your salvation —— greatly concerned for your salvation!" And the consequence was that he became a "brand plucked out of the fire."

Our exhortation, brethren, is, that each one should use faithfully his own talent in efforts to save souls. How dignified is such employment. We thus become laborers together with God. The humble disciple that comes before the 'mercy seat,' should not doubt but that he may lead sinners to the Lamb of God. Paul plants, Apollos waters, but neither gives the increase. It is not greatness of talent, but sincerity of purpose that will secure the Divine co-operation. The 'two mites' won the applause of Christ more than the 'much,' which constituted only a part of the 'abundance' of the rich. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." May we all, both pastors and people, individually, so work in the Lord's vineyard on earth, that he may say to us at last, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

JUNE 4, 1856.

At the Meeting of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, present, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. H. E. Parker, Rev. J. Woods, Rev. J. M. Putnam, F. N. Fisk, and Samuel Morril.

Chose Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. President; Samuel Morril, Secretary; F. N. Fisk, Treasurer.

Voted, that the Executive Committee be the same as last year.

Chose James Moulton and Samuel Morril, Auditors.

Voted to accept the Report of the Treasurer.

At a Meeting of the Executive Committee, Voted to appropriate $25 each to the same persons as last year :—Mrs. Moses Dow, Plaistow; Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Boscawen; Mrs. Betsey Hall, East Lebanon; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. J. W. Stearns, Brentwood—$125.

SAMUEL MORRIL, SEC'Y.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN ACCOUNT WITH ASA P. TENNEY—TREAS.

August 14, 1858, received of

Hopkinton Association,	3,75	Union	2,25
Belknap	2,50	Orange	2,25
Deerfield	1,25	Harmony	1,25
Hollis	3,25	Manchester	1.45
Monadnock	3,50	Piscataqua	11,00
Sullivan	2,25	Balance account 1855,	15,96
		Total.	$50,66

Jan. 24. 1856. Dr. to paid Rev. David Kimball's account

for printing Minutes. -	$31,60
for enveloping and Postage, -	3,25
	34,85
Balance,	$15,81

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. Asa P. Tenney, Treasurer of the N. H. General Association, and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

CONCORD, AUG. 26, 1856. N. BOUTON.

STANDING RULES.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and shall be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M. by a Concio ad Clerum, by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a Moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A Scribe and Assistant Scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and Delegates from District Associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every Association; two from every Association of seven members; three from every Association of thirteen members; and four from every Association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two Associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a Delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of the Delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a Moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The Secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A Committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all Committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the Moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the Moderator, nor have leave of absence without a vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the Minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed Minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of Religion in our churches and Corresponding Bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The District Associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers, settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c. [See forms in the Statistics.]

16. A condensed narrative of the state of Religion in each Association shall be prepared and reported by a Committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of Religion shall be lodged with the Secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The Publishing Committee shall see that the Minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to Delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the State.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services, under the direction of the pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of Religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and, finally, that a Sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

Statistics of the Churches.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Contributed for benevolent objects.	Amount of Ministerial Support.	No. supporters.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.					
Alton,	Vacant.		2	7	9											18,00	450*	30	75	1795
Barnstead,	Enos George.	Sept. 26, 1804.	84	125	209	1		1	1	5	6		1		1					1848
Bridgewater,	Vacant.																			667
Bristol,	Joseph Garland, S. S.		80	55	85	7	1	8					6	2	8	160 00	400		135	1100
Campton,	Charles Shedd.	March 24, 1842.	23	54	77	1		1	2	2	4		1		1		400‖		100	1439
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson.	Dec. 23, 1840.	17	32	49	3	4	7	1		1			1	1	55 10	350†	14	100	543
Danbury,	Daniel Goodhue.	March 2, 1855.	22	26	48	2		2	1		1					32 50	400*		410	1050
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent.	April 27, 1852.	55	77	132		2	2	5	1	2	8		6	6	94 28	500‖	74	135	3282
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.		14	24	38											11 00	‖		60	
Groton,	Liba Conant.	Stated supply.	13	17	30												162 50	30	90	800
Hebron,			6	22	28												137 50	25	175	600
Laconia,	John K. Young.	Nov. 30, 1831.	50	131	181	8	5	13	2	5	7		3	3	6	218 00	600	87	200	1800
Meredith,	I. F. Holton.	Stated supply.	15	37	52		1	1	1	1	2					107 00	500*	37	90	1800
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett.	June 25, 1845.	40	96	136	1		1	6	6	12			7	7	455 00	550	75	200	1290
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell.	June 24, 1852.	45	90	136		3	3		5	5					95 58	500	60	140	2800
Thornton,	Vacant.		2	10	12															
16	11		418	803	1221	23	16	39	18	2	26	46	12	19	31	1226				

* $150 from N. H. Miss. Society. $100 from do. † Aided by do. ‖ With Parsonage.

WITHOUT CHARGE—Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton ; Rev. Enoch Corser, Boscawen.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to ministerial support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Bethlehem,	Thomas Hall,	Stated supply.	13	21	34	4	1	5					1	1	2	16	225	21	100	950
Franconia,			4	10	14						1	1					175		125	584
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	32	96	128						1	1				125	600	100	180	2100
3	2		49	127	176	4	1	5			2	2	1	1	2	141	1000	121	405	1744

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Acting pastor.	32	70	102	3	1	4	3		3	6	3		3	$71	$300	40	150	60
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	16	35	51		2	2	3		3	6				50	400	56	90	81
Candia,	W. T. Herrick,	July 5, 1854.	97	158	255	14	4	18	4		9	13	5	2	7	300	700	83	200	148
Chester,	L. Armsby,	May 29, 1846.	67	139	206	14	1	15	4		3	7	2		2	376	600	90	200	130
Deerfield,	W. W. Condit,	1855.	47	75	122	13	4	17	2		3	5	6	1	7	50	600			202
Derry 1st church,			84	166	250	1	3	4	3		3	6	1	1	2	458	800		250	
Derry 1st Cong. ch.	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	32	90	122		1	1	5		4	9		1	1	242	600	65	150	185
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 12, 1836.	25	61	86	0	2	2	1		1	2		1	1	75	450			80
Pelham,	J. E. Farwell,	Acting pastor.	20	59	79	2	0	2					1		1					
Plaistow,	Charles Tenney,	Acting pastor.	28	60	88	5		5	2		1	3	2	3	5	120	600		175	
Raymond,	D. B. Bradford,	Dec. 5, 1855.	58	78	136	1	6	7	2		3	5	1	1	2	24	600	72	175	122
Salem,	William Page,	Dec. 1, 1853.	16	39	55						2	2				48	500			
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	50	89	139	3	4	7	1		1	2		4	4	225	500	100	250	81
Total,	9 pastors, 3 acting		572	1119	1691	56	28	84	30		36	66	21	14	35	1968	6350		1490	10,
18 churches.	pastors, 1 vacant.	57 1-2 years.														11 chhs	11 chhs		8 ch.	31
Average to each	pastor, 6 1-2 years.		44	86	130									1		$179	$577	77 2-3	186	9 ch.
	1 pastor, 20 years.															aver.	aver.	aver.	aver	1146
	2 " 10 years	each.														11 chhs	11 chhs	6 chhs.	8 ch.	aver
	3 " 40 1-2	years. Average	each, 13 1-2																	9 ch.
	6 " 17 years,	Average each	not 3 years.																	

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Conway,	Reuben Kimball, s. s.	Feb. 1856.	15	32	47	2		2	1	4	5	1	3	4	61	68	$500			17.
Effingham,	Vacant.		5	17	22					4	4									125
Farmington,	Danl. D. Tappan, s. s.	Oct. 24, 1852.	12	27	39	2		2		1	1		3	3	154	84	500	65	125	200
Milton,	James Doldt, s. s.		24	56	80	9		9				8		8					175	170
Moultonboro' 1st ch.	Vacant.		16	17	33				31		31									174
Moultonboro' 2d ch.	James Tatton, s. s.	June 22, 1856.	11	20	31		31	31									400	25	80	
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill, s. s.	1-2 time. 1851.	19	34	53					4	4				50	00	350	12	50	
Ossipee,	Horace Wood, s. s.	May, 1848.	28	45	73	9	1	10	4	2	6	4	2	6	142	00			90	2123
Sandwich Corner,	Vacant.		16	34	50					4	4									2577
Sandwich North,	Freewill Baptist 1-4	time, s. s. 1853.	11	15	26	3		3				1	1	2						
Tamworth,	John H. Merrill,	Aug. 17, 1853.	62	112	174	1		1	3	1	4	1	1	2	146	40			175	1766
Tuftonborough,	Vacant.		7	13	20										8	00				1805
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker, s. s.	1835.	8	25	33					2	2				42	00	330	35	90	1500
Wolfborough,	Vacant.		16	42	58															2038
14	8		250	489	739	26	32	58	39	22	61	15	10	25	684	92				

Without charge.—Rev. J. Dodge, Moultonborough; Rev. S. Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers,	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	Number of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	86	210	296	1	10	11	4		6	10		4	4	600	700		400	1660
Brookline,	Vacant.				75	Last			year's				report.							718
Hollis,	P. B. Day,	July 7, 1852.	79	136	215		11	11			3	3		4	4					1292
Mason,	J. L. Arms,	Oct. 30, 1850.	52	60	112		9	9			1	1				44	500		175	1626
Mason village,	Vacant.				114	Last			year's				report.							
South Merrimack,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.			44	Last			year's				report.							
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			317	8	16	19	4		4	8	1	2	3	650	800			2500
Nashua, Olive st.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.			350	Last			year's				report.							
Nashua, 1st church,	Vacant.				413	Last			year's				report.							
Nashua, Pearl st.	Ezra E. Adams,	Aug. 31, 1853.			182	Last			year's				report.							
New Ipswich, 1st ch.	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	83	164	247		1	1	4		3	7		7	7		700		250	1877
New Ipswich, 2d ch.	William Russell,	June 25, 1856.	25	49	74	2	5	7	2		1	3				125	700	30	150	
Mont Vernon,	Vacant.				163	Last			year's				report.							
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	92	165	257	5	4	9	8		6	9		8	8	300	500	90	350	1274
Temple,	George Goodyear,	April 25, 1855.	33	67	100	3	2	5	2		1	3				240	500	64	175	579
Wilton,	Vacant.				84	Last			year's				report.							
16	11		450	851	3023	14	58	72	19		25	41	1	25	26					

Without charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; E. M. Kellogg, J. W. Shepard, Nashua; William Clark, Amherst; Noah Emerson, Leonard Jewett, Hollis; J. E. B. Jewett, E. Jaffrey; Daniel Goodwill, Brookline; Walter Follett, Temple.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Andover,	Vacant.		8	15	23	Report of			1855.												1220
Boscawen East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 15, 1853.	57	90	147		5	5	3		3		2	2	301	00	600	78	225		2063
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	57	90	147				1	2	3						450	37	150		
Bradford,	Carey Russell,	Stated supply.	15	33	48	Report of			1855.												1400
Bristol,	Joseph Garland,	Stated supply.	25	46	71	Report of			1855.												1103
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov 22, 1843.	43	80	123	3	1	4	3	3	6	2	3	5	60	00	500	68	150		1614
Concord East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	33	66	99				2	3	5				217	00	400		150		
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D.D.	March 23, 1825.	63	185	248		6	6	3	7	10				685	60	900	100			10,500
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	85	187	272	12	4	16	9	2	11	5	4	9	975	00	1000	130	400		
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	66	131	197	1	1	2	2	4	6	1		1			450				
Fisherville,	J. M. Cross,	Stated supply.	26	48	74	4	3	7				2		2			500		125		
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	24	80	104	2	4	6	5	2	7		1	1	163	92	650				1251
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	51	117	168	4	3	7	6	3	9	2	5	7	470	00	500	79	151		1690
Hill,	Vacant.		13	29	42	Former			report.												954
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	June 8, 1853.	80	105	185	7	1	8	1	3	4	4	20	24	450	00	600		200		2500
Northfield and Sanbornton Bridge,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	38	86	124	2	2	4	4	1	5	2	3	5			475		270		par. 2200
Pembroke,	Lewis Goodrich,	May 24, 1856.	31	88	119	1		1		6	6	1	2	3	104	42	600	85	200		1733
Salisbury,	Thomas Pattray,	May 7, 1856.	24	61	85		1	1	1	2	3		2	2	70	00	500	55	150		1228
Warner,	H. O. Howland,	Jan. 4, 1854.	34	83	117		1	1	5	4	9				147	45	500	20	125		2038
Wilmot,	Vacant.		12	18	30	Report of			1855.												1272
20	17		784	1638	2425	25	27	52	42	35	77	13	20	33	3124	39					

Without charge—Ebenezer Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, D. D.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	Number of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Colebrook and vicinity	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	17	39	56		2	2	1		2	3	2	2	4		250	60	80	908
Dalton,	Baker,	S. S. 1-2 time.	8	20	28				1		1	2					150	15	175	800
Lancaster,	Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856.	16	79	95	2	18	20			1	1	2	3	5	$13	650	66	175	1700
Stewartstown and vicinity,	Destitute.		11	17	28															747
4	3		52	155	207	2	20	22	2		4	6	4	5	9					

Without charge—Josiah Morse, Northumberland.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford, Pres.	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	62	93	153	3	5	8	5		3	8		5	5	500	600	70	350	1300
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	29	76	105	3		3			3	3				320	470	60	350	915
Goffstown,	E. H. Richardson,	May, 1854.	34	71	105	2	1	3	1		4	5		1	1	211	700		550	2000
Hooksett,	Wm. A. Fobes,	Nov. 8, 1855.	9	31	40	1	4	5	1			1					500	52	110*	1503
Hudson,	D. L. French,	S. S. Nov. 1852.	22	45	67	2		2	2	1	1	4	1		1	30	400†		90	
Litchfield, Pres.	E. Newhall,	Sept. 27, 1854.	5	15	20											25	300		120	500
Londonderry, Pres.	Vacant.		54	119	173	Last			year's				report.							
Manchester, 1st ch.	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	83	192	275	9	14	23	13		4	17	4	3	7	850	1000		600	24,000
Manchester, 2d ch.	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 3, 1852.	65	190	255	8	19	27	11		2	13	5	6	11	1000	1200		550	
Manchester, Chr. Miss.	Lyman Marshall,	S.S. April, 1856.	5	25	30	12	1	13	22			22	5	1	6	11	600‡		100	
Merrimack,	Edwin J. Hart,	Jan. 2, 1856.	65	114	179	13	7	20	2		3	5	8	2	10	177 29	700	100	400	1250
11	10		433	971	1404	53	51	104	57	1	20	78	23	18	41					

Without charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent Am. B. Soc.; Harry Brickett, Licentiate, Prin. Mer. Norm. Institute.

NOTE.—In the report of congregations, some give the average, others the whole number, others neither.

* Entire number of congregation, 250. † $125 from N. H. M. S. ‡ $150 of which from N. H. M. S., and $450 from City Miss. Society.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Alstead, 1st ch.	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	20	52	72	1		1							40 00	300	30	90	1425
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	42	69	111				9		1	10		7	7	50 00	270	38	125	
Alstead, Paper Mill,	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	6	23	29				1	1		2				28 00	425	24	80	
Chesterfield,			14	39	53	Return			of 1854.											1650
Dublin,	Edward F. Abbott,	Dec. 12, 1855.	10	23	33				3			3				29 31	400	20	75	1088
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	Stated supply.	64	100	164	19	7	26	6		4	10	6	4	10	625 00	500		300	1482
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	14	28	42				1			1		1	1	97 00	300	40	100	668
Hinsdale,	Moses H. Wells,	May 1, 1856.	36	60	96	5	7	12	8		3	11	1		1	93 47	700*	68	150	1800
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth,	Dec. 10, 1782.																		
	Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845.	35	103	138									2	2	83 67	500	84	160	1497
Jaffrey, East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated supply.	20	34	54		2	2								274 69	500	35	90	
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	70	205	275	5	10	15	4		9	13	1	4	5	550 00	700	200	450	3392
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	32	64	96	1		1			2	2	1	1	2	98 00	320		180	886
Nelson,	Stated supply.		39	51	90				3		1	4				49 00	460	66	180	781
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	19	34	53	1		1	2		1	3	1		1	70 00	400	25	100	
Roxbury,	S. S. Arnold,	Stated supply.	6	14	20														70	260
Stoddard,	Joshua S. Gay,	Stated supply.	6	32	38				4		3	7		3	3	42 58	450†		110	1105
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	38	68	106	1	2	3	4		2	6		1	1	147 54	325	45	150	468
Surry,			2	12	14	Return			of 1854.											556
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood, D.D	Nov. 15, 1836.	22	34	56		1	1						1	1	100 00	325		90	2100
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	16	41	57				2		1	3		2	2	85 00	430	65	125	800
Walpole,	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855.	20	72	92		4	4	1		1	2		1	1	110 69	600	55	200	2000
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	42	113	155	Return			of 1854.											1677
Westmoreland, Evan.	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856.	7	19	26						1	1					400		100	
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	60	118	178	2		2	4		2	6	2		2	400 00	600	82	200	2600
24	22		642	1411	2053	35	83	68	52	1	31	84	12	27	39					

Without charge—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson; Rev. Abraham Jenkins, Fitzwilliam. * Parsonage. † House.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	Number of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1853.	32	79	111	Former report.									160	600	85	200	1574
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated supply.	13	24	37	2		2	1			1	1		1	33	300	45	75	2000
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 9, 1849.	34	110	144		1	1	1		3	4		3	3	375	600	70	215	2400
Haverhill North,	Vacant.		5	10	15	Former report.														
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	Nov. 1850.	36	70	106	7		7	1			1	4		4	50	350*		125	2350
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	134	236	370	21	1	22	2		4	6	8	1	9	587	600		325	1681
Oxford East,	Vacant.		45	43	88	Former report.											400		100	1400
Oxford West,	W. A. Smith,	Stated supply.	33	67	100	2	10	12	2		1	3		1	1	130	600*	50	175	
Piermont,	I. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	55	96	151	52	1	53					37	1	38		300		200	948
Wentworth,		Jan. 20, 1832.	10	24	34														150	1147
10	7		397	756	1154	84	13	97	7		8	15	50	6	56					

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle. * Parsonage.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	14	26	40	1	1	2				1	1					500	40	150	1750
Brentwood,	Charles Dame,	May 17, 1854.	19	42	61							1	1				10 00	600	48	125	935
Dover,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1853.	82	283	365	1		1	2			5	7	1	2	3	686 86	1000	156	450	8500
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov 20, 1833.	10	49	59	2		2				1	1	2		2	174 29	650	60	*150	1497‡
Epping,	Vacant. Last year's	report.	19	31	50																
Exeter 1st church,	N. Lasell,	1856.	47	75	122																
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd, D. D.	Sept. 11, 1819.			110																
	Asa Mann,	Nov. 19, 1851.				13	4	17				1	1	20	40	60	400 00	900	60	200	3500
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	9	39	48	3	2	5						1	1	2	175 88	600	44	85	739
Hampton,	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855.	53	122	175	7		7	1		1	2		3	1	4	114 27	800	50	250	1500
Kingston,	John H. Mellish,	1855.	18	50	68		3	3			4	4			1	1		550			1292
Newcastle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	8	26	34	2		2						2	2	4	15 00			175	890
New Market,	James M. Palmer,	Acting Pastor.	13	24	37							1	1		1	1	20 00	600		125	1937
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D.D.	Nov. 18, 1800.													1	1					
	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852.	72	105	177				1		2	3			1	1	250 00	600	71	275	750
Portsmouth,	Lyman Whiting,	Nov. 1, 1855.	79	231	310	3	7	10	4		8	12	1	4	5	859 96	1500	140	450†	10,000
Rochester,					89																
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	30	70	100							1	1								
Seabrook & Hampton	Falls, Henry A. Armstr	ong, Feb. 13, '56.			68							1	1					525		40	
Salmon Falls, Rollinsf	ord, E. E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	24	71	95	3	3	6	5		1	6	2	2	4	129 00	800	250	175	2000
Great Falls,	G. N. Anthony,	1855.	49	120	169	3	10	13	2	2	2	6	2	1	3	323‖85	850		450	5000
South New Market,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	8	14	22									1	1	56 05	400	20	100	650
Stratham,	John M. Steele,	Nov. 30, 1853.	17	36	53						2	2		1	1		600		100	840
21	20		571	1416	2264	38	30	68	15	2	31	48	34	58	92						

* Only an approximation. ‡ Some go out of town to meeting naturally. † As payers of pew-taxes. ‖ Donation of $150.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Acworth,	Vacant.				198															1251
Charlestown,	John P. Wilson,	Stated supply.	13	27	40				3		1	4				450			75	1644
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	62	142	204		5	5	9		3	12		6	6	$300	700		250	4000
Cornish,	A. Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	31	51	82				3		1	4				63	400	45	90	1606
Croydon,			16	25	41						3	3								861
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	98	139	237	2		2	7		7	14		2	2	414	825	72	350	2350
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	20	34	54				1			1				43	300	30	80	659
Langdon,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	13	28	41	1	1	2	4		1	5	1	1	2					575
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	46	95	141	2	3	5	5		7	12	2	1	3					2136
Lempster,																				
Lempster 2d church,			10	13	23											10			100	906
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	40	68	108	12		12					5	3	8		500			1392
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	87	156	243		9	9	5		10	15		7	7	225	700	114	350	2020
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	S. S. 14th year.	7	30	37				1		1	2		2	2					1392
Unity,																				961
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	6	28	34						2	2				30	300	20	100	1000
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	40	65	1	2	3	2		1	3	1		1	236	600		160	2136
17	12		474	876	1548	18	20	38	40		37	77	9	22	31					

Without charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover, stated supply at Weathersfield Centre, Vt.; E. T. Rowe, Meriden; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon; Licentiate, C. S. Richards, Meriden.

SUNCOOK (formerly Deerfield) ASSOCIATION.

Pittsfield,	J. Augustine Hood,	Dec. 12, 1854.	55	114	169	5	1	6	6		1	7	3	3	6	251	11	*650		85	175	1850
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1850.	33	53	86	4	2	6	1		1	2	2		2	43		475		65	140	1300
Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	39	68	107						2	2		2	2	55	44	400		60	54	997
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Jairus Ordway,	Stated supply.	47	81	128	7		7			1	1	3		3			400		60	100	3282
Loudon 1st church,	Vacant.		27	59	86						1	1		1	1			350		44	100	1600
Loudon 2d church,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	11	31	44	1		1			1	1	1		1	75	00	400		45	80	
Nottingham,	Vacant. No return.	See former	2	2	4																	1268
Epsom,	Vacant.	[minutes.	34	66	100																	1366
8	5		248	474	724	17	3	20	7		7	14	9	6	15						649	

Without charge—Rufus A. Putnam, Epsom.

* With Parsonage.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Antrim,	J. H. Bates,	March, 1853.	55	120	175	3	3	6	4	1	3	8		6	6	$238		500			350	1100
Hancock,	Asahel Bigelow,	May, 1850.	69	129	198	3	1	4	4		2	6	1	1	2	165		500			300	1060
Deering,	J. W. Perkins,	1854.	12	23	35	1	2	3			4	4	1	3	4	23		400		45	140	890
Hillsborough Centre,	S. H. Patridge,	May, 1853.									3	3				35		350		100	150	1685
Hillsborough Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov., 1843.	18	33	51		7	7		1	4	5		2	2			310				
Bennington,	J. M. Whiton,	March, 1853.	8	32	40	3		3	2		1	3	1		1	80		250		36	100	600
Greenfield 1st ch.	J. LeBosquet, S. S.	April, '849.	34	69	103		2	2			2	2				62		400		55	150	716
Francestown,	L. Taylor,	Nov., 1851.	100	207	307	6	6	12	8		10	18	1	2	3	549		800		150	500	1143
Greenfield Evangel.	J. McGee,	Acting Pastor.	41	71	112				3		1	4		1	1							
9	9		337	690	1021	16	21	37	21	2	30	53	4	15	19	1800		3510				

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.	Additions.	Removals.	Baptisms.	Add. by Prof.	Infant Baptisms.	Vacancies.	S. S.	Settled Pastors.
Belknap,	16	11	1221	39	46	31	23	19	4	3	8
Caledonia,	3	2	176							1	1
Suncook,	8	5	724	20	14	15	17	6	3	3	2
Derry,	13	12	1691	84	66	35	56	14	1	3	9
Harmony,	14	8	739	58	61	25	26	10	5	7	1
Hollis,	16	11	3023	61	41	26	14	25	5	1	10
Hopkinton,	20	17	2425	52	77	33	20	25	3	3	14
Lancaster,	4	3	207	22	6	9	2	5	1	2	1
Manchester,	11	10	1404	104	78	41	53	18	1	2	8
Monadnock,	24	22	2053	68	84	39	35	27	2	8	14
Orange,	10	7	1154	97	15	52	84	6	2	2	5
Piscataqua,	21	20	2264	68	48	92	38	58	1	3	17
Sullivan,	17	12	1548	38	77	31	18	22	5	5	7
Union,	9	9	1021	37	53	19	16	15		1	8
14	186	149	19,650	648	666	448	402	250	33	44	105

NOTE.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, who prepared the Pastoral Letter, writes, that he was not aware of his appointment until his return from a journey, a few days after the adjournment of the Association; this was the cause of his delay and of ours in publishing.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Derry,	
Harmony,	Stephen Merrill.
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Ambrose Smith.
Lancaster,	Joseph B. Hill.
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin,
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Edward Robie.
Sullivan,	Henry Cummings.
Suncook,	Otis Holmes.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.‡*	*Education*.*	*Home Miss.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Bel. & Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Grafton & Coos,	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

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